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GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE,
1792-1899.

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U.S. Mint At Philadelphia,
1791-1936

Correspondence, 1792-1904

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE,
1792 - 1899

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U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1874 / JANUARY

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United States Assay Office,

New York, July 13 1874

Sir:

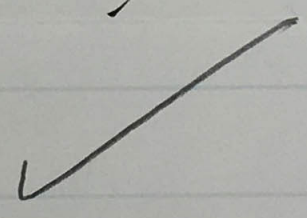
I have to acknowledge the receipt of
Twenty one thousand (\$21,000) dollars in Gold
dollars, on acc of Invoice No 85

Very respectfully

Hon Jas. Pollock
Supt. U.S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Geo. B. Acton
Supt.

Correct
W.H.C.



the same as the "Bullion Fund",
and to pay out of it only for met-
als purchased. All other bills,
except those for transportation,
(which are payable out of the
profits) to be paid out of the
regular appropriation for contingent
Expenses.

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint.
Jan'y 14/74

Returns &c's under
the Mint Coinage Metals
Appropriation, which
must be confined to
the purchase of metals
alone.

Recd Jan'y 15/74

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

January 14, 1874.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt US mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I return herewith an account transmitted by you for the month of November, 1873, denominated "Minor Coinage Purchase Account", in which you credit the Government with the sum of \$50,000—, transferred to you in accordance with the 29th section of the Coinage Act of 1873, as a Minor Coinage Metal Fund, and debit the amount you have paid for metals purchased and certain bills for advertising. You are to treat this sum the

900 Ohio St.

Saint-Louis Jan'y. 14th 1874

Jas. Pollock Esq^r -

Dr. Sir : -

On my return here after an absence of several months I found your two letters in regard to the Cap^t Jas. Biddle medal : the letters being sent to my lodging & not to my office were not forwarded.

I cannot think who can have given the order, I certainly did not nor did I ask any one to do so ; when I left St. Louis last October I had no idea when I should return or if I should be away all winter, indeed I expected to be in Philadelphia :

and get the medal myself.

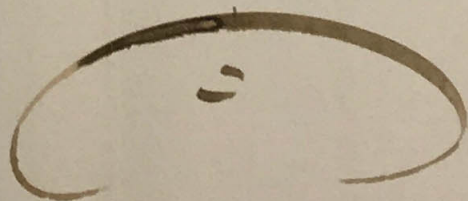
I regret very much you should
have had so much trouble in the
matter.

Enclosed please find
\$4⁰⁰, please pay expressage on
the one sent before and send me
two (2) of the medals.

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Yr. Oll. Servt.

E. J. Bidder



G. I. Biddle
St Louis Mo

Janz 14/74

Enclosing P. O. Order for
\$4.00 for two Captain
Biddle Medals

Rm Janz 19/74

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C.,

Jan 14, 1874.

Sir

Please send by return
mail, six copies of the
pamphlet entitled "Rules
and Laws regulating
the Annual Assay".

Very respectfully

A. B. Linderman

Director

Hon James Pollock

Supt. Mint U.S.

Philadelphia, Pa

Director of the Mint
Jan'y 14/74

Wants six copies of
annual assay reg-
ulations.

Recd Jan'y 15/74

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C.,

Jan'y 14th, 1874.

Sir

I have submitted to the Secretary, the Deficiency Estimates required for the Mints and Assay Offices, for the current fiscal year.

The statements called for in my letter of the 16th ult., being required to explain the cause of the deficiencies, should be transmitted as soon as possible.

Very respectfully

H. Linderman

Director

Hon. James Pollock

Supt. Mint U.S.

Philadelphia

Directa of the Min^r
Jan'y 14/74

Wants Statement
Called for Dec 16th
to Explain. Cause of
deficiencies.

Recd Jay 15/74

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

January 14, 1874.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt US mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Being about to dispose of a lot of sweeps from the San Francisco mint, I will be glad to receive from you a statement of the last sweeps sold by you that I may form an opinion as to the proper price to be realized. It will be necessary to state the assay value per pound, and the rate per pound for which sold, as the grade of the sweeps have some thing to do with the purchasing price.

price.

Very respectfully,
H. L. Lumanan
Director.

Directed by the Court
Jan'y 14/74

Wants Statement
of last Sale of Sweeps.
Price, assay &c.

Recd Jan'y 15/74

ORIGINAL.

No. 2

United States Assay Office,

New York, May 14 1874

Received from the U. S. ASSAY OFFICE at New York, for transportation and delivery to the U. S. Mint, at Philadelphia, Twenty four boxes silver bullion, of the net value of Fifty eight thousand six hundred & twenty ²⁹/₁₀₀ Dollars, returnable in Silver

\$ 58,620 ²⁹/₁₀₀

W. B. Ramm

For the Adams Express Company.

ORIGINAL.

No. 4

United States Assay Office,

New York, May 14 1874

Received from the U. S. ASSAY OFFICE at New York, for transportation and delivery to the U. S. Mint, at Philadelphia, Three boxes Gold bullion, of the net value of One hundred eighty six thousand four hundred thirty three ¹⁰⁰ Dollars, returnable in Double Eagles

\$ 186,433 ¹¹ 00

L. P. Barnum

For the Adams Express Company.

June 27th 1874

United States Assay Office,

New York,

July 14th 1874

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Twenty thousand (20,000) dollars in Half dollars, on $\frac{1}{2}$ of Invoice No 85, and enclose Express Receipt & Invoice No 2 of twenty four (24) boxes deposit Silver net value \$58,620 $\frac{29}{100}$ payable in Dimes; Invoice No 3 of five (5) boxes deposit Silver, payable in Trade Dollars. Coin value of 9,409 S.D. pieces \$9,714 $\frac{79}{100}$ S.C. $\frac{44}{100}$. Invoice No 4 of three (3) boxes deposit Gold, net value \$186,433 $\frac{11}{100}$ payable in Double Eagles.

Very respectfully

15 Hon Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa. ✓

Thos H. Acton
Supt.

A. 2879-V-1-1874

New York

Jan'y 14. 1874

Assay Office MS

Acc^t Recpt. \$20000
in 1/2 dolls on a/c Lno
No 85 & Transmits &
Recpt. & Lno No 2 of
24 boxes dep Silver.
Lno No 3 of 5 boxes
dep. Silver & Lno No
4 of 3 boxes dep Gold

Recd Jan'y 15. 1874

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Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Jan'y. 15, 1874.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I enclose herewith a statement of the account of the U. S. against the Appropriations for the support of your institution for the Fiscal Year ending June 30. 1874.

You will please compare the same with the books of your Mint, and correct them accordingly.

Very respectfully,

A. Linderman

Director.

Director of the Mint
Jan'y 15/74

Enclosing Statement
of annual app'ns &
payments - for Compensation
& Emolument.

Recd Jan 16/74

Philadelphia Mint.

on 90% of appropriations for Fiscal Year ending June 30. 1874.

Date		Salaries.	Wages.	Contingent
1873				
	Amount appropriated	37,900. -	250,000. -	85,600. -
July 1	Remittance	3,158.34	20,833.34	14,266.67
Aug -	"	3,158.34	22,933.34	
" 19	M. V. Davis			27.80
Sept 1	Remittance	3,158.34	23,000. -	
" 20	H. R. Linderman			91.60
" 24	Remittance	3,158.34	23,000. -	5,000. -
Oct. 16	"		11,000. -	
" 28	"	3,158.34	35,000. -	10,000. -
Nov. 21	"	3,158.34	15,000. -	5,000. -
Dec 12	"			6,000. -
" 24	"	3,158.34	25,000. -	10,000. -
1874				
Jan. 3	Mileage, Comant. Proctor, Johannes			139.20
	Total	22,108.38	175,766.68	50,525.27
	Balance undrawn	15,791.62	74,233.32	35,074.73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

January 15, 1874.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt US Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 13th instant, I will state that the value of the special assay pieces received from the San Francisco and Carson mints respectively, will be included as a separate item in your account of the value of the regular assay coins for each year, and like the proceeds of the latter be held by you subject to the drafts of those mints. As soon after the conclusion of

of the annual assay as may be convenient you will render a statement of the amount in your hands to this office, whereupon notice of the same will be sent by the Director to the San-

Francisco and Carson mints with proper instructions to draw upon you.

Very respectfully,
H R Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
Jan'y 15. 1874

The value of the Special
assay Coins from Carson &
San Francisco, will be in-
cluded as a separate
item in the $\frac{1}{2}$ of the an-
nual assay Coins, and
subject to draft in like
manner.

Recd Jan'y 16/74

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

January 15, 1874.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt US Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Please examine the papers and account returned to you yesterday (minor coinage purchase account) and see if Superintendents Warrant for \$12,311⁸⁰, for wages of Workmen on minor coinage rolls for month of November, is among them; and if so you will return the same to me.

Very respectfully,

A. R. Linderman
Director.

Directed by the Mint
Jan'y 15/74

Wants Duplt Warrant
for £12, 311⁰⁰ returned, if it
was enclosed with the
Mina Crimage metal
account voucher

Recd Jan'y 16/74

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C.,

Jan 15th, 1874.

Sir

Upon examination of your
Medal Statements for the Quarter
Ending Dec. 31. 1873, I find
that 50 Medals of Honor
(Copper Bronzed) reported as struck
by the Coiner and delivered
during the Quarter, are not
embraced in the Superintendent's
Report.

Very respectfully

H B Sherman

Director

Mr. James Pollock
Supt. Mint U.S.

Philadelphia

Director of the Mint
~~Director of the Mint~~
July 15/74

50 Bronze Medals
of Honor delivered by
the Coiner are not
included in the
Supt's Report.

Recd July 16/74

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

January 15, 1874.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U S Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to request that you will make all necessary arrangements for the annual assay to be held at your Mint on the second Wednesday of February next, including dinner for the commission, officers of the mint, and such clerks assistants and workmen as may aid the commission.

I will bring a book with me for recording the proceedings.
So

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So much of the coinage act of 1873 as bears upon the duties of the Commission, standards, deviations, &c, is being printed here, and will be sent over in time.

The rules will require one or two unimportant alterations in consequence of the new coinage act. I will write Judge Cadwallader on the subject in order that he may consider the necessary alterations before the assembling of the commission.

They can be adopted in a few moments after the Board organizes.

The number of coins reserved are much larger than in former

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years, and we will require
more pans than usual.

There will be three periods
for San Francisco and Carson, and
two for Philadelphia. These
divisions of the coins will add
materially to the work of the
commission, and probably
consume two or three days.

Very respectfully,
A R Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
Jan'y 15/74

Requests that arrangements be made for
the Annual assay on
Wednesday, Feb. 11. 1874

Recd Jan'y 16/74

Mr. (288)

United States Assay Office,

New York, Jan'y 16th 1874

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Eighteen thousand (18,000) dollars in Dimes, on $\frac{1}{2}$ of Invoice No 68, and your letter of 15th inst. relative to distribution of 18,000 Trade Dollar pieces received Jan'y 8. which can not be done as you propose. We have distributed the same as follows, viz:

On $\frac{1}{2}$ of Invoice No 91 17,793 T.D. pieces
" " " " No 3 207 " " "

having a balance of .99^c in Sub. Silver Coin, due on Invoice # 91, which I will thank you to forward to this Office in the first shipment.

Very respectfully

17 Hon Jas. Pollock ✓
Supt. U.S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Thos. C. Gett
Supt.

Covered
with

A. 2881-51-18/4

New York
Jan'y 16/74

Assay Office MS

ack-Recpt of 18,000
nd dues on a/c
Inv No 68, & letter
of 15 inst relative to
distribution of 18,000
Tad pieces received Jan
8. which cannot be
done ^{as proposed} &c.
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Recd Jan'y 17/1874.

Recd
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United States Assay Office,

New York,

July 15th 1874

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt
of Twenty thousand (20,000) dollars in Quarter
dollars, on $\frac{1}{4}$ of Invoice No 79.

Very respectfully

Hon Jas. Pollock

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa.

Thos. H. Ashton
Supt.

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1000
627
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A. 2880-V-1-1874,

New York
Jan 15/74

Assay Office U.S.

ACK - Recd \$20,000
in 1/4 Dollars on a/c
Dno No 79 -

Recd Jan 16. 1874

R. GRIFFITH, Pres^t

E. J. CRUMP, Vice Pres^t

ROBERT THOMAS, Cash.

Rampel



Columbus, *May 17* 1874

The Manager N. & M. W. T. Phil^a
Philadelphia

Please find enclosed
herein draft on N.Y. for \$200 for
which please send proceeds in Silver ^{coin}
half ducats, halves & quarters, for^d by
The American Express Company

Robert A. Lippitt

First Nat Bank
Columbus
Ind
Jan'y 17. 1874

Draft for Silver
Coin

Rec'd Jan'y 20. 1874

U. S. Assistant Treasurer,

New York, *May 17* 1874.

Sir

I desire to call your attention to the manner in which the kegs containing the coin received from your office are nailed up, and to inform you that the nails used in the coopering are so much too long that they pass entirely through the kegs and penetrate the bags, and the friction in transportation, caused by rolling the kegs and otherwise, entirely destroys the bags, spilling the coin promiscuously through the kegs and causing this office much unnecessary labor.

Very respectfully,

Wm. H. Miller
*ASST. TREAS.**Jas Pollock Esq*

Director, Assentment.

Office of U. S. Assistant Treasurer,

NEW YORK,

Jan 17 1874
Thos. Willhouse

Ass't Treasurer.

Complains of nails
being driven through
sides of kegs con-
taining coin &c

No. of Enclosures

Recd Jan 19 74

Jan 20 1874

United States Assay Office,

New York,

Jan 17 1874

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt
of Six thousand (6,000) dollars in Dimes and
Five hundred & ninety nine ⁵⁴/₁₀₀ (599 ⁵⁴/₁₀₀) dollars
in Quarter dollars, balance of Invoice No 68.

Also Twelve thousand (12,000) dollars in
Dimes on 1/2 of Invoice No 88.

Very respectfully

Hon Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa

Thos. C. Acton
Supt.

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A. 2882. V. 1. 1874.

New York B

Jan'y 17/1874

Assay Office U.S.

Acc^t - Rec^d \$6,000 -
in Dimes and \$599.54
in 1/4 Dollars balance
Inv. No 68, also \$2,000 -
in Dimes on a/c Inv #88

Rec^d Jan'y 19th 1874



Philadelphia July 19 1874

Hon James Pollock
U. S. Mint.
Dear Sir

As the weights which
we sent you for adjustment - are
to be used as standards - we
presume a certificate from you will
be necessary, that the same have been
properly adjusted &c, will you have
the kindness to give the matter such
attention as you deem necessary, and
advise me what should be done,

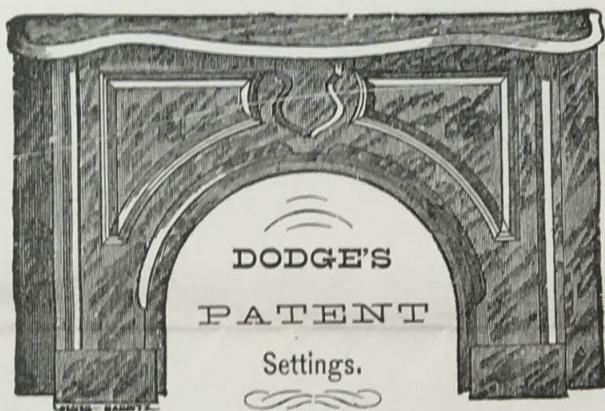
Very Respectfully
Henry Roemer

From

Henry Troemner
asking Certificate
of the conformity of the
weights on for Carson
City Mint & the Assay
at Charlotte, N.C. as
adjusted by the Adjuster
of Weights at the Mint, &c

Jan'y 19. 1874

Rec'd Jan'y 19. 1874



OFFICE OF

L. Schwartz & Co.,

DEALERS IN

STOVES, RANGES, FURNACES

Safes, Mantles and Grates,

363 MAIN STREET,

Buffalo, Jan 19 1874

James Pollack Director.

U. S. Mint.

Dr Sir.

Please inform me by return mail price
of Proof set of Silver Coinage for this year
including trade dollar

Respectfully Yours

B. Schwartz

363 Main St.

Buffalo

my

L Schwartz
Buffalo
NY

Jan 19/74

Wants Medal circular

Oshkosh Wis Jan 17/74

Director of Mint.
Sir:

Can I procure at the
Mint a proof set for 1873 - one of
the early impressions? I would
also like those of any of the back
years if you have any on hand.
If for sale please let me know
price for this & previous years.

Also have you any sets of
patterns for sale & the price.

Have been informed, but my
informant may have been mistaken,
that there are some fine specimens
of the Copper Cents previous to '57
that the Mint had duplicates of, &
that I might procure specimens
of these. If the information is
correct please let me know date,
Condition & price.

Yours,
W. P. Coolbaugh,

H. P. Coolbough
Oshkosh
Wis
Jan'y 17/74

Asks after Proof,
Pattin & Co

3 ch stamp

Cincinnati Jan 19. 1874.

Hon, J. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.

Dear Sir

Will there be any change
in the coinage for this year (1874)? If so
please let me know so that I may ar-
range for sending for my annual instalment
of Proof Sets of both Gold & Silver, for the
different collectors in this city.

Please send me two or three "mint
price lists".

If you strike any pattern pieces
would like to be informed.

Respectfully

W. C. C.

P.S. When will the proof sets be ready?

W. C. C.
Cincinnati

C-64- ODM

Cincinnati. Jan. 19. '74

Thos. Cleary.

Wishes information
as to Changes in Coinage
& proof sets.

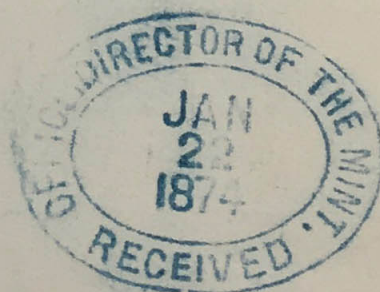
Mint Bureau

Jan'y 22. 1874.

Respectfully referred
to the Sup't of the
Mint at Philadelphia
for reply.

H. Linderman

Director,



Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Jan'y 19th 1874

Hon James Pollock

Superintendent U.S. Mint

Sir

Please have struck at
your earliest convenience twenty four (24)
Gold "Signet" Medals, and oblige

Yours respectfully
Jas W Bunn

Mint of the United States,
PHILADELPHIA.

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JAMES POLLOCK,

Superintendent.

Subject

No. of Enclosures,

*Jas M. Bumm
 Philad:
 Jan 19/74*

*Order for 24 gold
 Signet Medals.*

*Medals ordered
 Jan 19/74*



United States

In reply to your postscript requesting that Invoice No. 90 - for Half ballas - be paid in Dimes, I have to say that the requisition covering that invoice was placed in the hands of the Minter & Refiner Dec. 21. 1873, and the ingots were furnished as ordered. It will not, therefore, be convenient to make the substitution you suggest.

United States Assay Office,

New York, Jan'y 19th 1874

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Five
thousand (\$2,000) dollars, in Quarter dollars on 7c
of Invoice No 79, and Two thousand six hundred and
thirty seven ⁰⁵/₁₀₀ (2,637 ⁰⁵/₁₀₀) dollars in Dimes, balance
of Invoice No 88.

Very respectfully

Hon Jas Pollock

Supt. U. S. Mint.

J. C. Acton

Supt.

Philadelphia, Pa.

P. S.

As the demand for Subsidiary Silver Coin is
mostly in Dimes, I will thank you (if practicable)
to substitute that denomination for half dollars,
requested on Invoice #90 - \$88,526.46. Please reply
if you can do so.

J. C. Acton

Correct
W. L. A.

A. 2883. U.S. 1874.

New York
Jan'y 19, 1874

Assay Office U.S.

Recd - Recpt \$12.00
in 1/4 Dues on a/c Dues
No 79 also \$2637.05
in Dimes bal Dues No 88
& wishes Dimes substituted
for 1/2 Dues (if practicable)
on Dues No 90.

Recd Jan'y 20. 1874.

Symmes Ct.

Aug 20th 1874.

Trans U.S. Mint Sir -

Can
I get 5 Trade Dollars
by sending currency
of 50 cents each?
I have sent - Please
reply & oblige
Yours &c

S. W. Sanford
P.W.

Symmes
Conn

S. H. Canfield
P. M. Seymour
Conn

Jan 20/74

Asks after trade
dollar

Mint

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United States Assay Office,

New York,

Jan'y 20th 1874

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of
Twenty three thousand ⁹⁹/₁₀₀ (23,000 ⁹⁹/₁₀₀) dollars in Silver
Coin as follows, viz:

On ac of Invoice No. 79 Quarter dollars \$11,000.00

" " " " 85 Half " 12,000.00

Balance of " " 91 (F.D.) S. Coins .99

Very respectfully

Hon Jas Pollock
Supt. U.S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa.

Thos C. Nelson
Supt.

✓

A. 2884-V-1-18/4.

New York
Jan'y 20/4

Assay Office U.S.

ACK - Recpt \$23,000.99
Silver coin as follows
viz. on a/c dno 79 \$11,000.
on a/c dno No 85 \$12,000.
Bal dno. No 91 - 99¢

Rec'd Jan'y 21, 18/4.

Blank No. 1.

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

The rules of this Company require that all messages received for transmission, shall be written on the message blanks of the Company, under and subject to the conditions printed thereon, which conditions have been agreed to by the sender of the following messages.

THOS. T. EOBERT, Gen'l Sup't,
NEW YORK.

WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't, }
GEO. H. MUMFORD, Sec'y. } NEW YORK.

Dated Roche Nevada Jan 20 187

Received at S. E. cor. 3d and Chestnut Sts., Philadelphia.

To Sup't Phila

Mint

A H

What year was double
eagles first coined by
Government answer

J H Cassidy

100 P 2.75

J. H. Cassidy

Jan 20/74

Enquiring what year
Double Eagles
were first struck

Recd Jan 21/74

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

January 20, 1874.

Hon James Pollock,
Chpt U S Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

Please furnish me with a detailed statement of the amount of minor coins, minor coinage alloys, and copper, nickel, tin and zinc on hand, exclusive of any of these items belonging to or existing on account of the \$50,000 minor coinage fund. Also please state the amount of currency on hand from exchange and reissue of minor coins excluding the \$50,000 Fund and items

items belonging to it.

My object is to obtain a clear understanding of the account of redemption and re-issue of minor coins in order that it may be properly adjusted.

Very respectfully,
H. R. Lundman
Director.

Director of the Mint
January 20/74

Wants detailed Statement of minor coins and minor coinage materials, exclusive of the \$50,000. for the purchase of M. C. metals,

Also, amt of U. S. Currency from M. C. exclusive of the above \$50,000. —

Recd Jan 21/74

United States Assay Office,

New York, Jan'y 21st 1874

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt
of Twenty two thousand, one hundred and ninety
eight $\frac{22}{100}$ (22.198 $\frac{22}{100}$) dollars in half dollars balance
of Invoice No 85.

Very respectfully

Wm. D. Pollock

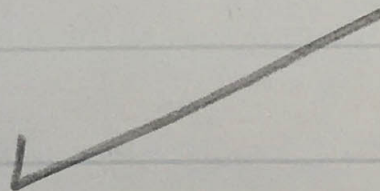
Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia Pa

Thos. E. Nelson
Supt.

Correct
Wm. D.

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A-2885-U-1-18/4.

New York

Jan^y 21st 18/4.

Cassay, Office, U.S.

ack- Recd \$22,198.22
w 1/2 dolls balance
Invoice No 85,

Recd Jan^y 22^d 18/4.

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

MELTING & REFINING DEPARTMENT,

Philadelphia, 15th Jan^y 1874

Hon. James Pollock

Suptdt. U. S. Mint at Phil^a.

Dear Sir

I have examined the statement of the N. Y. ^{a. office} Deposits ^{of silver} in this Mint for Dec. with the wastages & allowances, and as you request make the following remarks. 1. Wastages. It is impossible to melt silver without loss, & a measurable loss, however small. When the silver is not pure enough for coinage, & requires a little refining, the slightest attempt to get rid of the base metal causes considerably more absolute loss of silver, than when it is only melted alone. The greater % of the Invoices of silver received from the Assay Office in November gave evidences of base metal by cracking & breaking under the rolls, altho' the metal appeared to be fair enough before rolling. As this must all be reworked at a considerable cost to the Government, I used a small quantity of flux in melting

the Assay Office Deposits for December, which necessarily makes a minute irrecoverable waste, but throws much more into sweep. The practice is, by the use of 3 or 4 oz. of flux to about 2000 oz. bullion, to gather the impurities of each melt into grains, & then to refine the grains of a large number of melts, (say of an Invoice) at once, thereby saving the Depositor from a greater absolute loss than would take place, if we attempted to refine each melt by itself.

While I assert that a number of the December Invoices gave evidences of base metal both in melting & rolling, ~~yet there~~ and generally required a little refining, yet there were a few single melts, in which the impurities were more plainly visible, & which showed the presence of lead.

The grains of one of those invoices, when collected into a King proved to weigh several pounds, & assayed largely of lead.

I have made careful experiments in melting pure silver (say 999 $\frac{1}{2}$ pure), on a large scale for Commercial Fine Bars, and find that the average loss in melting is nearly (.001) $\frac{1}{1000}$

Philadelphia, 187—

The average loss in melting standard metal (Silver) & casting ~~them~~ ^{it} into Ingots for coin, averages more than 1000, about $(.001\frac{1}{4}) \frac{1\frac{1}{4}}{1000}$, but this will be somewhat diminished by the sweep. — Compare now the results of melting the Assay Office silver for Dec. The average wastage is $\frac{1\frac{1}{2}}{1000}$ (.00151) say $\frac{1\frac{1}{2}}{1000}$, & yet it was necessary to flux it to render it fit for coinage. It seems to me from the above recited facts that there is no ground for complaint of the wastage in melting the silver from the A. Off. N.Y. The moderate increase in loss by fluxing over mere melting rather endorses the care which is used to save the interests of the Depositor

2. Allowances. From the large amount of silver returned to me by the Coiner, & the necessity of improving its quality by fluxing, thereby necessitating a little loss, I have availed myself of the regulations to make deductions for such impurity, but I have never made them up to the limits allowed. In Invoice N^o 86. I took off $\frac{3}{10000}$, from Invoice 89 $\frac{1}{10000}$, and from

from the rest $\frac{2}{10000}$ (none of course from the fine silver of Invoice 81). I hardly think these deductions can be complained of, when it is remembered that the weight of silver set down is the weight of the silver together with ^{that of} the oxygen, flux, & other impurities on the surface of bars, which Prof. Rogers found to be about $\frac{1}{10000}$ on pretty good bars. The mere appearance of the bars would convince any one that they were not all silver.

3. Assays. Altho' assaying is not my department, yet as I am governed by the assays, I have made it my duty to study them. I find that the average assays for ^{the} Dec. Deposits of the N.Y. Ass. Off., as determined in N.Y. & after melting in Phila.

are 907.25 or $907\frac{25}{100}$ N.Y. ass. office
 907.05 or $907\frac{5}{100}$ Phila Mint.

Our assays average only (.0002) or $\frac{2}{10}$ of $\frac{1}{1000}$ below those of the Ass. Off. N.Y.

Very truly yours.

J. C. Booth

M. & R.

Jas. J. Booth
M.A.R.

Jan 15/74

Explaining waste
& allowances in deposits
of silver from the N. Y.
Assy Office in December,
1873. —

Recd Jan 15/74

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Jan 5th, 1874.

Sir

During the recent examination of the Mint and Assay Office some differences between the Assays of the two Institutions, both as to Gold and Silver were noticed. I will thank you to submit a statement showing the weight, fineness and deductions of such deposits as exhibited a difference (itemizing each) for the month of December last.

The statement will show the weight and fineness of deposits sent to the Mint as recorded at the Assay Office, and the same as recorded at the Mint.

Wm. James Pollock
Supt Mint U.S.
Chicago Pa.

Very respectfully
H. Redman
Director

Directors of the Mint
Jan^y 5/74

Wants Comparative
Statement for December
1873, of the difference
between the N. Y. and
Mint assays of Gold
and Silver.

[Duplicate Statement
filed herewith.]
[also M & R's Letter &
Explanation]

Recd Jan 6/74

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

January 21, 1874.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt US Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

In compliance with your verbal request I have caused the enclosed forms to be prepared for your guidance in rendering the "minor coinage account". These forms, in connection with those now in use by you, will, I think, obviate all embarrassment in rendering your accounts.

The form denominated "Minor Coinage Purchase Account" is in every

every^{respect} similar to the "Deposit
Account" now rendered by
you in connection with your
"Gold and silver Bullion Accounts."

Very respectfully,
H. R. Underman
Director.

Director of the Mint
January 21/74

Enclosing forms
for keeping the
Mina Coinage
Account.

Recd Jan 22/74

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Jan 2. 1874

Hon James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint, Philad,
Dear Sir,

Having
examined with you the
Gold Coins received from
the West. Treasury at
St. Louis for resurvey
& finding that the
greater portion of the
same are in good
condition & not requiring
re survey under the
law I suggest that
you retain the same
until I can submit
the subject to the Secretary
of the Treasury with a
view to the issue of
an order for the weighing

of track pin at
the Mint & the
issue of all
that are found in
proper the gold condition
as to weight.

Very Resp^l,
H L Lindersman
Trustee Mint,

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)

Jan'y 2. 1873

Instructing Sup't
to retain coin sent
to Mint for recoinage
by Asst Treas. U.S. at
St Louis. until he
consults with the Secy
&c

Revised
Jan'y 2 1873

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

May 2^d, 1874

Sir

I transmit herewith copy of letter from John J. Croxton U. S. Minister at La Paz, Bolivia dated Nov. 8th last, and the three coins therein referred to. I have to request that you will cause the latter to be assayed and their value in the money of account of the United States stated; making your statements as to value upon the assumption that 15 1/2 ounces of silver equal one of gold. I will thank you to give this your early attention.

Very respectfully

Hon. James Pollock

H. B. Linderman

Supt. Mint Philadelphia

Director

Director of the Mint
July 9/74

Forwards 3 Bolivian
coins for assay and
report.
Also copy of letter
from U. S. Minister at
La Paz.

Recd July 10/74

Copy-

Legation of the United States
La Paz Bolivia Nov 5th 1873.

Hon H. N. Linderman

Director of the Mint
Washington D. C.

Sir.

Your circular of April 5th 1873
would have been answered earlier, but I have been awaiting the copy
of the regulations of the Mint at Po-
tosi, which was promised me by the Sec-
retary of the Treasury of the Bolivian
Government.

I enclose you an official copy
of the Coinage Law of Bolivia now
in force. It will answer most of the
questions contained in your Circular.
I also enclose you a sample of the

"Medio Boliviano," for analysis.

It is proper for me to state, that the currency provided for in this law, tho' coined and issued, is not known in the circulation of the country. That is composed entirely of an older coinage, known as the "peso feble" or soft dollar. It was intended originally to represent 80 cts, but by repeated adulterations became so base, as to be declared by the law of country, (a copy of which I enclose you) to be worth only 60 cts and society has marked it much lower, than that, by a large advance in the price of every thing. This adulterated coin has of course driven every thing else out of circulation. The bills of the "Banco Nacional" circulate to some extent in the cities but not beyond.

I enclose you, samples of this coin for analysis, and respectfully request, that you estimate and determine their value, as the accounting officers of the Treasury Department, now have before them, the question, as to the valuation, I shall place upon this coin, in the settlement of my accounts.

I will obtain, yet if possible the regulations of the Potosi Mint and transmit. I will also send you, if you so desire a complete set of the Gold, Silver and Copper coins of the country -

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant -

(Signed) Jno F Croston
Minister Resident -

N^o 22 Pine Street.

New York Jan 3^d 1874

Mr James Pollock
Sup^t of the Mint.

Phil^a

Dear Sir,

Will you be good enough to supply me with a bronze copy of the medal awarded to George F. Robinson by Congress in 1871, for saving the life of Secretary Seward on the night of April 14th 1865.

I will at once send to you, on learning from you the sum necessary to defray the expense & charges;— please state whether a check on a New York bank will answer, or whether you desire payment to be made in U. S. Currency. Please

inform me, whether this
request can be granted,
& how much delay will
be likely to occur in
having the copy made.

I wish the medal
for Mr Joseph F. Loubat
of Paris France.

Your kind attention
will much oblige

Your Ob^d Serv^t
Horace I. Ely.

P.O Box 1479

N.Y. City

Horace A. Ely
New York
Jan'y 3/73

Wants Bronze
Copy of the
Robinson - Seward
Medal.

Recd Jan 5/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Jan'y. 3, 1874.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

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Sir:

The following bills for mileage
have been received at this office,
and charged against the Appro-
priation for "Contingent Expenses" of
your institution, viz:

Chas. F. Conant	\$ 46.40
R. C. Preston	46.40
H. C. Johannes	46.40

You will please cause the
proper entry to be made on your books.

Very Respectfully,
H. B. Sherman

Director.

Director of the Mint
Jan^y 3 / 74

Three mileage bills
for \$139 ²⁰/₁₀₀ (Conant
Preston & Johannes)
have been charged
against the Ap^l for
the "Contingent Expenses"
of the Mint.

Rec^d Jan 5 / 74

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Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Jan'y. 3, 1873.

Hon. Jas. Pollock,
Sup't U. S. Mint.
Phila. Pa.

Sir: I have this day mailed
to your address fifty copies
of Mint Circular No. 16, 1873.

Very respectfully,
H. B. Anderson
Director.

Director of the Mint
January 3, 1874

Forward 50 copies
Mint Circular No. 6.
1873 - Table 7
Coin values.

Recd Jan'y 5/73

Treasury Department.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

January 30, 1874.

Sir -

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2^d instant, enclosing one ⁵⁰ dollars in silver coin the same being the proceeds of grains from the U.S. Mint at Carson City, Nev, found in possession of H B Jorum Esq. together with a memorandum of assay and value by the Assayer of your institution,

I am in very respectfully

Hon James Pollock,

H. Robinson

Superintendent &c

Director,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Director of the Mint
January 3. 1874

Ack'd recd 9/15
When Crin, proceeds
of assayed grains
from the Laramie
Mint, Nev.

Recd Jan 5/73

38040 Walnut Street
Newark N.J. Jan'y 5th 1874

Hon James Pollock

Superintendent of the U.S.

Mint at Philadelphia

Dear Sir; our bids for the 91 Bbls
of Sweeps as per Statement sent us December 29th 73
payable in gold coin is as follows.

Melters & Refiners

1 to 10 "	4606 lbs	\$10 ⁴⁰	per 100 lbs	\$479.02	✓
11 " 20 "	4318 "	\$6 ²⁰	" " "	\$289.30	✓
21 " 30 "	4356 "	\$9 ¹⁰	" " "	\$396.39	✓
31 " 40 "	4450 "	\$16 ⁴⁰	" " "	\$752.05	✓
41 " 50 "	4164 "	\$18 ⁰⁰	" " "	\$749.52	✓
51 " 60 "	4068 "	\$4 ⁴⁰	" " "	\$178.99	✓
61 " 70 "	4104 "	\$2 ¹⁰	" " "	\$86.18	✓

Superintendants

41 " 50.	5036 "	\$9 ¹⁰	" " "	\$458.27	✓
51 " 61.	<u>5382</u> "	\$14 ⁴⁰	" " "	<u>\$775.00</u>	
	40.484 "			\$4.164.72	

C. F. Morrison for
per Waters

Ans'd
6920.64
4164.72
2755.92

C. J. Dennis & Son
Newark N.J.
Jan'y 5/1874.

Bill for Sweeps.

Rec'd Jan'y 6/74

Office of Assistant Treasurer U. S.

New Orleans, La.,

Jan'y 5th, 1873

Hon. James Pollock

Supat. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia. Pa.

Sir,

On compliance with instructions from the Hon. Secretary of the Treasury I have this day forwarded to you by Express Six Kegs containing Three Hundred Thousand Dollars, light Gold coin for recoinage.

There are ten bags of \$5000 each in each keg. The weight of Gold in each bag shown by my scales is marked on tags attached to the bags. I enclose lists of the weights of the bags in each package, numbered to correspond with the numbers marked on the kegs, and I will thank you, if not too much

Office of Assistant Treasurer U. S.,
NEW ORLEANS, LA.,

January 5th, 1874.

Genl F. Flanders
Assistant Treasurer.

Forwards by Express
\$300,000, light gold coin
for re-coinage, as directed
by Sec of the Treasury.

Recd Jan 10th 1874.
No. of Enclosures,

Office of Assistant Treasurer U. S.,

New Orleans, La., _____, 187 .

trouble to have the weights found at the Mint marked opposite my weights on their lists and the lists returned to me by mail.

I have about \$500,000 more light coin which I will forward tomorrow and the next day.

Very Respectfully.

Benj. B. Hardee.

Asst. Treas. U.S.

Office of Assistant Treasurer U. S.,
NEW ORLEANS, LA.,

....., 187 .

Assistant Treasurer.

No. of Enclosures,

ORIGINAL.

No. 1

United States Assay Office,

New York, *Jan 5* 1874

Received from the U. S. ASSAY OFFICE at New York, for transportation and delivery to the U. S. Mint, at Philadelphia, *Twenty two* boxes *Silver* bullion, of the net value of *Fifty two thousand* *six hundred fifty two* ⁸⁰/₁₀₀ Dollars, returnable in *Silver*

80
\$ *52,652* ⁸⁰/₁₀₀

J. P. Ramon

For the Adams Express Company.

United States Assay Office,

New York,

January 5th 1874

Sir,

I herewith transmit Express Receipt and Invoice
No 1 of twenty two (22) boxes deposit Silver net value
Fifty two thousand six hundred & fifty two ⁸⁰/₁₀₀ (52,652 ⁸⁰/₁₀₀)
dollars, payable in Dimes.

Our stock of Silver Coins
of all denominations is reduced to \$11,000. and
our Liabilities \$250,000. of which Dimes are mostly
needed. I shall esteem it a favor if you will
remit at once the amount of Invoice No 68. Oct.
23. 1873.

Very respectfully

Hon Jas. Pollock

Supt U. S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa.

Thos. A. Mott
Superintendent

noted
1/6/74
HJ

A. 28th 5. V. 1. 18th 4.

New York

Jan'y 5. 18th 4.

Assay Office U.S.

Transmits & Recd to Mr.
No I of 22 boxes
Deposit Silver metal
\$52,652.80 payable in
Dimes, &c

Recd Jan'y 6th 18th 4.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

January 5, 1874.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U S Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

In a list of the employes of your mint furnished by Mr Hickok during your absence in San Francisco, Mr Wm W Runlee, whose name had previously been on the rolls as Superintendent of Deposit melting, was set down as Weigher.

I suppose this was due to some inadvertence on the part of the clerk making up the list. Mr Runlee must

must therefore be regarded as
Superintendent of Deposit melting
and so he placed on the pay
rolls for last month.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Friedman
Director.

Director of the Hunt
Jan 5/74

Correcting the title
of W^m M. Kunkel, on
the list of employees
sent to the Director.

Recd Jan 6/74

OFFICE OF R. LONGMAN'S SONS,
No. 31 John St. N.Y.

GOLD & SILVER REFINERS,

Sweep Smelters & Assayers,

FINE GOLD & SILVER, ROLLED SILVER FOR PLATERS.

Smelting Works 25, 27, 29, 31 North Portland Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y.

New York, Jan 5 1874

James Pollock Supt

Sir

Our offer for

the 90 Bbls of Sweep is at a deduction of
\$6.90 per 100 lbs payable in gold coin.

The Sweep to be delivered on board the
line of Lordard Steamer for New York free
of expense.

The remainder

Yours Respy

R. Longman's Son

* 6920.64 assay
2793.39 deduction
4127.25 net offer
not accepted
L.P.L.

R. Longman & Son
New York
January 5. 1874

Bid for Sweeps.

Rec Jan 6/74

The Mint of the United States at San Francisco,

Office of Superintendent,

San Francisco, Cal. Jan 5 1874

Sir I have the honor to forward
herewith Wells Fargo & Co receipt
for one package containing Silver
Coins for quarter ending Dec 31, 1873
viz.

25	Packages. Double Eagle.	5800.—
2	" " Eagles	120
2	" " Half "	110.
2	" " Quarter "	50
28	" " Dollars.	213.
5	" " $\frac{1}{2}$ "	39.50
3	" " $\frac{1}{4}$ "	15.50
2	" " Pennies	14.80
		<u>\$ 6362.80</u>

Forwarded in pursuance of Section 40 Coinage Act of 1873
Hon Jas Pollock.
Supt U.S.M. Phila.
Very Respectfully
O. N. Munroe Supt

Mint of the United States
San Francisco

O. W. L^a Grange Supt
To

Hon Jas. Pollock Supt

Enclosing Wells Fargo & Co's
Receipt for 1 Box, of Assay
Coins for Quarter Ending
Dec. 31. 1873.

Amount \$ 6,362.80

U.S. Mint at
San Francisco. Cal
Jan 5/74

Forwarding by Express
annual assay coins
for the Quarter ending
Dec. 31. 1873.

Recd Jan 13/74

Wells, Fargo & Co's Express.

Value, \$ 6362 ⁵⁰/₁₀₀

San Francisco, Jan'y 5 1874

Received of W. S. Mink

Sealed Box marked Hon James Pollock, No.

Containing Six Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty Two ⁵⁰/₁₀₀ Dollars

Addressed Hon James Pollock

which we agree to forward to Phila by usual conveyance.

In consideration of the rate agreed, ——— per cent., we insure the safe delivery of the within mentioned shipment as per address, at Philadelphia against all risks of whatsoever character or nature. Loss, if any, payable in Gold Coin of the United States.

For the Company,

Charges, \$ 54 ¹⁰/₁₀₀ paid

O. F. Baldwin

The Mint of the United States at San Francisco,

Office of Superintendent,

San Francisco, Cal.,

Jan 5 1874

Sir I have the honor to forward
herewith Wells Fargo & Co's receipt
for one sealed package containing
Special Assay Coins for
December 1873. viz
1 Double Eagle \$20.00
1 Gold Dollar 1.00
21.00

Very Respectfully
O. H. Allmeyer
Superintendent.
Hon Jas Pollock
Capt U. S. M.
Philadelphia
Penn.

Recd the above coins, Jan'y 14. 1874

W E DuBois

assayer

Mint of the United States
San Francisco

Special Assay Coins for
December, 1873. - \$21.⁰⁰

Forwarded per Wells Fargo & Co

Receipt Enclosed.

WELLS, FARGO & CO'S EXPRESS.

Value, \$ 21⁰⁰/₁₀₀

San Francisco, Cal.

Jan'y 5 1874

Received of

U.S. Mint

Package

of Twenty One Dollars

Seal of
Gold.

Addressed

Hon James Pollock

which we agree to forward to

Phila

by usual conveyance,

subject to the following conditions:

In no event to be liable beyond our Route as herein receipted; not to be responsible except as and in the capacity of forwarders, we not owning or being interested in the means or vehicles of transportation. Nor liable for any loss or damage arising from the dangers of railroad, ocean or river navigation, explosion, fire, etc., unless specially insured by us, and so specified herein. Nor for the negligence or misconduct of the owners of said means or vehicles of transportation, or of their agents or others in charge thereof. And not to be liable in any case for an amount exceeding fifty dollars, unless otherwise specified herein.

For the Company,

Charges, \$

75¢ paid

Baldwin

San Fran. Mint
Jan 5/74

Towards & Exp
Special assay costs
for December, 1873.

Recd Jan 13/74

United States Assay Office at New York.

Jan^y 31 1874
Hon. J. A. Pollock,
Supt. Phila Mint.

Sir:

Please send
me 11 nickel 5s, 11 3s, &
12s 7s, of the issue of 1874, for
which I enclose \$1.⁰⁰;

Very Respectfully,

J. H. Acton

Supt. N.Y. Assay Office,
pr. J. O. C.

12 in 10

55 in 5

33 in 3

1,00

Thos. C. Acton

New York

Jan'y 31/74

MS.
Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Jan'y. 5, 1874.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

The nomination of Jas. C. Pollock,
as temporary Clerk in your Mint, at
a Compensation of 6 Per diem, sub-
mitted in your letter of the 30th ultimo,
is hereby approved, to take effect
January 1, 1874.

Very respectfully,
Wm. B. Ewing
Director.

Director of the Mint
January 3/74

Appropriation
of James C. Pollock
as temporary clerk
at \$6 per diem,
from January 1, 1874.

Recd Jan 6/74

Nos. 104 & 106 John Street.

P.O. Box 1258.

New York Jan^y 6th 1874.

Hon James Pollock.

Superintendent of the Mint.
Philadelphia

Dear Sir.

Your favor Dec^r 27th came duly to hand - and also the cases & the coins, all in good order. I must apologize for my neglect in not writing before to thank you for your courtesy and attention to my application. I am well pleased with the cases they are quite suited for the purpose.

Very respectfully Yours.

John C. Coughe.

John C. Congreve
New York

Jan'y 6/74

Treasury Department.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

January 8th, 1874.

Sir -

I send you by today's mail twenty-five copies of a report and proclamation relative to the legalization by the Chinese authorities at Canton of the new American Trade dollar, and of its acceptance in payment of duties, and for general use at its intrinsic value in pure silver.

I am Sir very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director,

Hon James Pollock
Superintendent &c
Philadelphia Pa.

Director of the Mint
Jan'y 8/74

Forwards printed
copies of official
translations of a
decree of the Chinese
authorities at Canton
receiving the Trade
Dollar at its in-
trinsic value in
silver.

Recd Jan'y 9/74

Int

2891

United States Assay Office,

New York, January 29 1874

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Four thousand nine hundred and seventy eight $\frac{21}{100}$ (4,978 $\frac{21}{100}$) dollars in Quarter dollars, balance of Invoice No 79, and Fifteen thousand and twenty one $\frac{79}{100}$ (15,021 $\frac{79}{100}$) dollars in Quarter dollars, on $\frac{1}{2}$ of Invoice No 87

O.K.
 Wase

✓

Very respectfully

Hon Jas. Pollock
Supt. U.S. Mint
Philadelphia. Pa.

Thos. C. Galt
Supt.

P.S.

✓ Please forward immediately all the empty packing boxes you have on hand, as our stock is entirely exhausted.
T. C. G.

A-2891-V-1-1874.

New York

Jan'y 29, 1874

Assay Office U.S.

ACK - Recd \$4,948.21 in
1/4 Dollars balance Due No
79 - & \$15,021.79 in 1/4
Dollars on a/c Due No 87
TC

Recd Jan'y 30, 1874.

Mint of the United States,

AT PHILADELPHIA

MELTING AND REFINING DEPARTMENT.

28. Jan.^y 1874

Hon. James Pollock
Suptdt. U. S. M. at Phil^a

Dear Sir

Will you please
order about \$10,000 worth of the
Nickel Cent to be transferred
to this Dept., for 5-ct. alloy.
I oblige

yours truly
Jas C Booth
M & R.

Jas. C. Booth
M. & H.
Jan'y 28/74

Request \$10,000.
Worth of Nickel Cents
to be delivered to
him for Nickel
allay.

Recd Jan'y 28/74

N.B.S.
Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

January, 29, 1874.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution for the month of February, 1874, has been approved for the sum of \$30,158.³⁴ from the following Appropriations, viz:

Salaries, ----- 1874 -----	3,158.34.
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Wages of Workmen. 1874 -	22,000.00.
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Contingent Expenses - 1874 -	5,000.00.
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Very Respectfully,
H. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
January 29/74

Requisition for
\$30,158³⁴ for February
1874, recd and
approved.

Recd Jan 30/74

Statements of Silver deposits ^{from U.S. M. & T. Co. made at Phila. in Dec. 1873}

		New York		N. York		Philadelphia		Philadelphia		Phila		Phila		Phila		New York		Philadelphia	
		Weights per statement		Sum		Weights before		Weights after		Sum		Losses		allowance		Value as per		Value returned	
Date		from New York		mass		Melting		Melting		mass		Melting		P.G.		Statement			
1873		Ounces		dec		1000 ^{ths}		Ounces		dec		1000 ^{ths}		Ozs.		Ozs.		Dollars	
N. York 8 th Phila	Decem 4	15132	77	999	15133	01	15132	50	999										
	No 16	569	84	999 $\frac{1}{2}$	569	90	569	90	999 $\frac{1}{2}$										
	No 81	15702	61		15702	90	15702	40						50	20	567	65	20	567
N. York 8 th Phila	" 4	4415	55	904 $\frac{1}{2}$	4415	75	4407	10	903 $\frac{1}{2}$										
	" 6	4196	95	908 $\frac{1}{2}$	4197	20	4188	75	909										
		4209	55	904 $\frac{1}{2}$	4209	60	4201	55	902										
	No 82	4394	30	902	4394	45	4386	15	903										
		4417	80	897 $\frac{1}{2}$	4417	90	4408	65	897 $\frac{1}{2}$										
		4327	30	903	4327	45	4318	35	903										
		4469	65	914	4469	80	4460	60	916 $\frac{1}{2}$										
		4388	40	905	4388	40	4380	25	906 $\frac{1}{2}$										
		4617	30	905	4617	35	4608	90	907										
		39436	86		39437	85	39360	30		6970	7	85	45	097	09	45	033	06	
N. York 8 th Phila	Decem 9	4444	45	906 $\frac{1}{2}$	4444	60	4437	80	907 $\frac{1}{2}$										
	" 11	4434	00	909	4434	20	4428	05	909 $\frac{1}{2}$										
		4393	70	916 $\frac{1}{2}$	4393	80	4387	35	913										
	No 83	4389	05	894 $\frac{1}{2}$	4389	25	4379	80	894										
		4273	00	893	4273	20	4266	20	894										
		4322	25	907	4322	35	4315	35	906										
		4414	05	928 $\frac{1}{2}$	4414	25	4407	35	926 $\frac{1}{2}$										
		4486	35	903 $\frac{1}{2}$	4486	45	4478	25	907 $\frac{1}{2}$										
		4342	10	908 $\frac{1}{2}$	4342	25	4335	35	908 $\frac{1}{2}$										
		4386	85	911	4387	05	4375	00	910										
	43885	80		43887	50	43870	50		6825	8	75	52	236	50	52	138	72		
N. York 8 th Phila	" 9	3517	45	902	3517	35	3513	35	901										
	" 11	2881	75	900 $\frac{1}{2}$	2881	85	2879	00	900 $\frac{1}{2}$										
	No 84	1859	60	904	1859	65	1858	00	904 $\frac{1}{2}$										
		1452	55	898	1452	70	1451	45	898										
		1616	75	899	1616	90	1616	30	898 $\frac{1}{2}$										
		928	60	899 $\frac{1}{2}$	928	80	927	55	899										
		645	25	910	645	35	644	75	908										
		1602	65	898	1602	95	1601	10	897										
		1548	85	899	1549	05	1548	35	898 $\frac{1}{2}$										
		1652	65	898 $\frac{1}{2}$	1652	90	1652	00	898 $\frac{1}{2}$										
	17706	10		17707	50	17691	85		1215	3	50	20	906	50	20	879	81		

Date	New York		New York		Philadelphia		Philadelphia		Phil		Phila		Phila		New York		Philadelphia	
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1873	Ounces	dec	1000 th	Ounces	dec	Ounces	dec	1000 th	Ounces	dec	Ounces	dec	Ounces	dec	Dollars	cents	Dollars	cents
N. York date Phila Invoice No 80	Decem	15	4543	75	904 $\frac{1}{2}$	4543	85	4534	55	904 $\frac{1}{2}$								
		17	4500	30	904 $\frac{1}{2}$	4500	50	4492	50	902 $\frac{1}{2}$								
			4373	80	904 $\frac{1}{2}$	4373	90	4365	20	904 $\frac{1}{2}$								
			4277	05	906 $\frac{1}{2}$	4277	20	4269	15	906								
			4386	15	903	4386	15	4377	65	904 $\frac{1}{2}$								
			4513	10	906 $\frac{1}{2}$	4513	20	4505	45	907								
			4437	85	902 $\frac{1}{2}$	4438	00	4430	00	903								
			4269	80	902	4269	90	4261	70	901								
			4593	35	911	4593	55	4585	65	907 $\frac{1}{2}$								
			4621	90	907	4622	10	4614	40	911								
			4351	30	899	4351	50	4343	50	898 $\frac{1}{2}$								
			4566	80	907	4567	00	4559	40	907								
			4385	50	909	4385	50	4377	70	909								
			4356	95	895 $\frac{1}{2}$	4357	10	4349	40	894 $\frac{1}{2}$								
			4625	60	908	4625	60	4616	90	911 $\frac{1}{2}$								
			4211	40	910 $\frac{1}{2}$	4211	50	4203	60	909								
			4784	40	939 $\frac{1}{2}$	4784	60	4776	50	939								
			4382	65	905 $\frac{1}{2}$	4382	80	4371	60	906								
			80181	45		80183	95	80034	85		133	10	1600		95367	96	95188	22
N. York date Phila No 86	"	19	4649	75	914 $\frac{1}{2}$	4649	85	4641	60	915 $\frac{1}{2}$								
		22	4633	65	917 $\frac{1}{2}$	4633	85	4626	65	918								
			4184	40	899	4184	55	4180	50	898 $\frac{1}{2}$								
			4176	20	901 $\frac{1}{2}$	4176	15	4168	00	901 $\frac{1}{2}$								
			4250	95	910 $\frac{1}{2}$	4251	05	4244	85	912 $\frac{1}{2}$								
			4158	55	952 $\frac{1}{2}$	4158	60	4151	85	951 $\frac{1}{2}$								
			4240	55	927	4240	75	4232	30	927								
			4379	60	932	4379	75	4373	35	933								
			4233	80	899	4233	95	4225	05	898 $\frac{1}{2}$								
			4215	50	906	4215	60	4206	45	906 $\frac{1}{2}$								
			4153	75	898 $\frac{1}{2}$	4153	90	4146	75	896								
			4256	70	904 $\frac{1}{2}$	4256	95	4250	20	910								
			4225	70	895	4225	85	4216	50	895 $\frac{1}{2}$								
			4360	50	900	4360	65	4349	45	900								
			4348	05	899	4348	30	4342	70	898 $\frac{1}{2}$								
			4291	80	908 $\frac{1}{2}$	4292	05	4287	85	908 $\frac{1}{2}$	97	20			82071	78	81968	32
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		New York			Philadelphia							New York		Philadelphia	
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Date		Per Statement		ness	before melting		after melting		ness	melting	deducted	called for		Provision	
1873		Ounces	dec	1000 ^{ths}	Ounces	dec	Ounces	dec	1000 ^{ths}	Ozs	dec	Ozs	dec	Dollars	cent
N. York Phila	Dec 19	2511	60	906	2511	85	2509	55	904						
	29	1818	85	905 1/2	1819	00	1817	75	904						
		2562	60	903	2562	80	2561	05	902 1/2						
		1769	85	904	1770	00	1769	20	902 1/2						
		1635	65	906 1/2	1635	85	1634	95	904 1/2						
		1761	10	905 1/2	1761	30	1759	90	905						
		1714	45	902	1714	65	1713	35	903 1/2						
		2698	10	907	2698	25	2696	65	906 1/2						
		3392	30	903	3392	65	3390	65	902						
		3478	60	903	3478	85	3476	45	902 1/2						
		3471	30	903 1/2	3471	55	3469	05	903						
		3553	45	902	3553	75	3551	40	903						
N. York Phila	" 27	30	367	85	30	370	40	30	349	95	14 45	6 00	36	00	39
N. York Phila	" 30	2593	00	902	2593	10	2591	25	901 1/2						
		1736	15	903	1736	65	1735	05	902						
		1995	25	903	1995	40	1993	55	901 1/2						
		3369	30	902 1/2	3369	40	3366	45	902						
		2698	55	901 1/2	2698	65	2696	00	901						
		12392	65		12392	20	12382	30		18 45	2 45	14	66	1 26	14 637 85
N. York Phila	" 27	4393	15	910	4393	25	4387	30	911						
	30	4268	90	911 1/2	4269	00	4263	00	911						
		4401	85	907	4401	95	4395	30	906 1/2						
		4307	60	912	4307	70	4301	50	912						
		4390	50	905	4390	65	4384	10	905						
		4200	20	905 1/2	4200	45	4194	45	905 1/2						
		4449	30	903	4449	45	4443	25	901 1/2						
		4485	00	925	4485	15	4479	15	925						
		4425	60	908	4425	80	4419	25	910						
		4572	55	915 1/2	4572	70	4566	45	917 1/2						
		4500	40	924	4500	45	4494	40	923						
		4435	05	920	4435	15	4429	75	920 1/2						
N. York Phila		4380	35	941	4380	35	4374	70	940						
		57	210	45	57	212	05	57	132	60	73 75	5 70	68	59	4 76
														68	504 88

All Official Letters to the Department proper must be addressed to the "Secretary of the Treasury," and in replying to Letters from the Department the initials on the upper left-hand corner should be referred to.

Treasury Department,

Washington, D. C., January 30, 1874.

Ref

Dear Sir

Your of the 29th inst. is at hand.

It is my desire that you should forward to the U. S. Apt. Treasurer at New York City in accordance with the instructions of the 16th ultimo of the Coin sent you by the U. S. Apt. Treasurer at St. Louis, Mo. both the Coin found to be of current weight and the proceeds of that portion of it which was melted. As to the \$34⁵⁰ in Counterfeits I will thank you to return them to the U. S. Apt. Treasurer at St. Louis, who has been directed to replace them with good Coin by a credit to the Treasurer as a transfer from the Mint.

Yours James Pullard

Asst. of Mint
Philad, Pa.

M. A. Richardson,
Secretary

Secretary Treasury
January 30/74

Received & in words
gold coin from St. Louis
to be forwarded to the
Asst Treas. U.S. at ~~the~~
~~St. Louis~~, New York. The
counterfeit to be re-
turned to the Asst
Treas. at St. Louis.

Recd Jan 31/74

United States Assay Office,

New York,

Jan 30th 1874

Sir:

OK
I have to acknowledge the receipt of Two hundred and fifty thousand (250,000) dollars in Double Eagles on $\frac{1}{2}$ of Invoice No 66, and Ten thousand (10,000) dollars in Dimes on $\frac{1}{2}$ of Invoice No 1.

Very respectfully

Hon Jas. Pollock

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa

Thos L. Netter

Supt.

P.S.

In order to make a comparison of Mr Booths Assays I will thank you to forward Assay memorandum of Invoice No 89

T. L. G.

A-2892-U-1-18/4.

New York

Jan 30/4

Assay Office US

ack-Recpt \$250,000
in Double Eagles on
apc duo no 66 & 70,000
in dimes on apc duo no 1
x e

Recd Jan 30th 18/4.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Jan. 2nd 1874

Hon. James Pollock,
Superintendent.

Sir;

The undersigned representing yourself, the Coiner and the Assayer, have examined and compared the working dies in the Coiner's possession and find that the number corresponds with the delivery books of the Engraver and Coiner.

The number of working dies delivered during the calendar year 1873, was eight hundred and twenty-six (826), of which seven hundred and seventy-one (771) were defaced by the use of the forge and sledge. Fifty-five (55) reverse dies were reserved for redelivery to the Coiner for use during the present year.

The only discrepancies noted between the books and the dies were that

Some dies charged as reverses were
obverses, and vice versa. These errors
were not frequent, and of no practi-
cal consequence, as the whole number
of dies corresponded, as before stated.
All of which is respectfully
submitted

A. W. Straub.

Representing Superintendent

H. W. Downing

Representing Comtee.

Jacob B. Eckfeldt

Representing Assayer.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Jan'y 2 1874

No. of Papers,

Subject,

Examination, and
number of working
dies delivered dur-
ing the year 1873.
Report on number
defaced &c.

Recd Dec 2, 1873

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Jan^y 3^d, 1874.

Sir

With a view to ascertain how much or how little we are to fear from the arts of counterfeiters, I have to request that Mr Barber, the Engraver, make a pair of "drop dies" as they are termed, say for the Quarter Dollar.

You will enjoin upon the Engraver the observance of all proper precaution in the preparation and care of the dies and impressions taken therefrom. I have written to Paris for a small ingot of the new imitation Silver alloy for the use of your Assayer.

Very respectfully

A. R. Linderman

Director

Hon. James Pollock
Supt Mint U.S.

Philadelphia

Wanted of the Unit
Jag 3. 1874

Wants Eugene to
make a pair of
Quarter Dollar⁴ deep
dis. ⁴

Recd Jag 5/73

Portsmouth Jan 31st 74
James Pollock Esq
Supt U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa

Dr Sir

Yours of 28th inst recd -
Enclosed find draft on N. Y.
for \$3⁵⁰/₁₀₀ for which send me
Proof set of 1873 of the new style
struck after April - Please
send with the two 1874 sets &
oblige - Send all by Adams Express

Respy yrs

J. H. Towns

P. O. Box 202

Jersey City N. J. Jan. 5/874

Hon. James Pollock,

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Dear Sir,

Will you please receive my order for five (5) Sets Proofs Coins, Silver and Copper for the current year, and inform me when they will be ready for delivery, and I will send the money to pay for them the price being, I presume, as heretofore three dollars in coin; Also please send me Mint Catalogue. —

Have you, for sale, a copy of No. 6 in Mint Catalogue of National Medals, Major Henry Lee, for Pauls Hook? and if not, have you the dies, and could I get one or more copies of the Medal struck to order, and at what cost?

By favoring me with a reply you will greatly oblige,

Yours Truly

Geo. H. Farrier

17 Montgomery St.
Jersey City N. J.

Address

Ch. H. Fairie
Jersey City
N. J.

Jan'y 5. 1874

Concord, New Hampshire
Jan 29th 1874

James Pollock, Esq
United States Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

My Dear Sir,

I wrote
you about a month
since, enquiring if the
Silver & Copper coinage of
1874 was ready for the supply
of numismatists, and I
very shortly received in
reply a letter, saying that
it would be ready by the
20th but whether of this month
or of the next, I am unable to
say, as your letter is not
with me.

I have had these sets
since 1866, and I would
like to have you send me,

if at all, a brilliant
proof-set, as much
new coin would not
compare well with my
other sets.

I enclose you a post office
order of \$3.75, and if this
sum will not cover
the ~~actual~~ price of one
set of the Silver & copper
coinage, will you please
let me know when you
acknowledge the receipt
of this letter. If there is
more than necessary to
cover the expense, please
send the balance in post
pieces of one or two cents.

Have the goodness to
acknowledge the receipt
of this order, and when
your proof are ready, send
to me by Express.

Very Truly
Yours &c

Moses Woolson
Concord,
New Hampshire

Moser Woolson
Concord
N. H.
Jan 29/74

Order for proof set

CLEVELAND, BROWN & CO.

IRON MERCHANTS.

25 to 31 Merwin Street.

Cleveland, Jan'y 5 1874

James Pollock. Supt
Philadelphia Pa

Dear Sir

Enclosed you will find \$40⁰⁰. for which
please send me Medals of. Numbered as per
your catalogue of Dec - as follows -

Send me two each No^s 21 - 44 - 45 - 46 -
69 - 78 - And one each No^s 1 - 31 - 61 - 70 -
77 - 79 - 80 & 81 -

Please send by Express to

Yours very Resp^y

R. Y. McKelvey

No. 25 Merwin St

Cleveland Ohio

Please advise me as to
how soon the proof
sets of 1874 will
be ready -

or un

R Y Mc Kelsey

Cleveland

Ohio

Jan. 5. 1874

Newburyport.
Essex County
Mass.

Jan. 31. 1874.

Many Medal Circulars
later than 1866 is issued
please send it.

Hon. James Talbot
Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find
a post-office order for
(\$ 6.00) Six Dollars.
I desire a set of Silver & Cent
Proof Coins of the year 1874.
I hope this will include the
Silver Dollar for the East
Indies. If the balance is suffi-
cient please send No. 59 (circular
of 1866) "Abraham Lincoln." If
not sufficient please send
No. 50 "John Q. Adams."

Most Respectfully yours
J. J. Spalding

Please send to
Rev. J. J. Spalding
28 Green Street
Newburyport Mass.

S. S. Shalden
Newburyport
Mass
Jan 31/74

Order for Medal &
proof set

Canandaigua
Ontario County
N.Y.

James Pollock
Director U.S. Mint.

Dear Sir

Enclosed I send

Draft for \$4— Please send me
by Express, proof set of the Silver-
nickel & Copper coins for the year 1874

Please send me duplicates of the
smaller pieces, cents, 2 cts. 3 cts 5 cts—
to equal any balance in my favor
after paying, in gold for proof set

Can I obtain $\frac{1}{2}$ Dollars
of 1852 - 1862 - 1863 - 1865 -
1869 - 1870 - 1871 - 1872
1873 - 1874 at the Mint
and at what expense

Respectfully Yours
J. M. Howarth

Thor M Howell
Canandaigua
N Y

Order for proof
dit

University of
Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, O.

Jan 31 1874.
Hon James Pollock
Mr Sir

Enclosed
find P.O. Order for eight-
dollars for which please
send me when ready one
set of Silver & Copper
proof Coins of 1874. including
proof trade dollar.

Also duplicate proof
trade dollar and two
sets of 1, 2, 3, & 5¢ Copper and
nickel coins

Please acknowledge
receipt.

Respy yours
T. B. Disney

J. B. Disney
Cincinnati
Ohio

Jan'y 3. 1874

Sent Feb 4 1874

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1874 / JANUARY

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1874/JANUARY (CONT.)

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

January 7, 1874.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt US Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of yesterday, in relation to making dies by the drop process, I have to state that it will hardly be prudent to follow the course suggested by Mr Barber, the engraver, as it would tend to lead the inventors to attach undue importance to the value of their patent. You will therefore please consider my instructions of the 3rd instant on this subject as

as inoperative.

On the occasion of my next visit to the mint we will further discuss the matter.

Very respectfully,
H. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
July 7/74

Directions with
regard to the drop
process are re-
called.

Recd July 8/74

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Jan^y 6th 1874

Hon James Pollock
Sir,

In considering the best method to carry out your order to make two Dies of a Quarter dollar, by the vacuum process, I beg leave to submit the following remarks and suggestions.

I think the experiments to be complete. Should have the dies "struck up", with the greatest degree of sharpness the process is capable of. or instead of proving, it would mislead.

To accomplish the process at all, requires certain tools and arrangement of them, in a workshop fitted up for that purpose especially, viz, a Drop Press, and a furnace built so conveniently, that no heat is lost in transferring from one to the other. As this would

occasion some considerable expense. which beyond the first use, would never be required again. The question arises would it not, as the patentees have already fitted up such a place, where they are making dies for Jewellery, as a matter of business, and of course have already

has much practice in the manipulation, be better for me to go to them, with certain bits of steel, and while I am present, let them strike the impressions on them, then I could bring them here, and see what kind of dies we could produce from them, and what coin from the dies.

It seems to me that by letting them do this one process (the stamping) the experiment could be made with more certainty, and necessary reticence, than by introducing new machinery here, where certain number of workmen must be initiated into the whole process.

Waiting your further instructions,

I Am Sir

Very Respectfully Yours
Wm Barber

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, July 6th 1874
From Mr Barber Engraver
to Sept.
No. of Papers,

Subject, on making dies by
the "Drop Process" &c

Recd July 6 1874

Brooklyn (E.S.) N. 7

Office of

Guy C. Hotchkiss, Field & Co.

Iron Works, Manufacturers and Dealers in Carriage Materials,

527 HUDSON ST, NEW YORK

AND

85 FIRST STREET,

Brooklyn, U. S. A., Jan 26 1874.

U. S. Director to.

Are
In possession of Silver & Nickel
Coins for current year
ready for delivery? Please
answer to oblige. with answer
please send circular of
Medals for Sale

Yours respy
A. Halsey Summer

~~85~~ 438

Polaski St.

A. H. Plummer
Brooklyn
N.Y.
Jan 26/74

Inquires after proof
Sets + wants Medal
Circular

Manchester N. H. Jan 26/74

Dear Sir.

Herewith please
find Fifteen Dollars (\$15)
for which please send
me a set (6) of the
Pattern Dollars for 1873.

You may send them
in the same package
with Mr Wilsons to save
Expense

Very truly Yours
J. H. Pillsbury

To
The Director of the Mint
Philadelphia
Penn

Manchester Jan 26th 1874

Dear Sir,

Enclosed please find
Post-Office order for \$20. Please send me
1 Set (6) Pattern Dollars for 1873. send
by Express, to Thomas Wilson
\$62 Stark corp } Manchester
N.H.

P.S.

Since writing the above, my friend
H. C. Pillsbury
with whom I conversed (he being a collector)
wishes to get a Set. So I enclose his
order, with mine, and you can send
them in the same package and save
express. So I make my Post-Office order
\$35.00 instead of \$20. Send soon as convenient.
Yours truly
Thomas Wilson

Please send me circular of Medals for Sale at Mint
and when will the new Proof Set be ready, J.W.

Thos Wilson
Manchester
N. H.
Jan'y 26/74

Enclosing Postal Order
for two pattern sets,

Postal Order returned
Jan'y 28/74

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, January 28th 1874

Sir

Yours of Jan'y 14th received with \$3.

Enclosed for proof - Set the price is \$3.50. please
forward the balance

Respect yours

James Pollock

H. Kinney Esq

Supt

Iron Nat Bank

per J. J. M.

Portsmouth, O

Enclosed as requested

H. Kinney

W. Kinney

Portsmouth
Ohio

Jan 28/74

Holmdel N. Jan 27th/74

Thomas Pollock Esq

Dear Sir

Some days ago
I wrote to Mr Dutbois for the proof copies
of 1874 (Silver & Copper). He referred me to
you as the person having charge of such
matters; and I enclose as directed \$3.50
in currency.

As for the manner of send-
ing them, I am uninformed. If you send
them by mail you have my address -
We have no express line that passes near-
er here than New Brunswick. If you
should send them by express - Direct to
the care of Wm. Reiley Jr. New Brunswick
New Jersey.

Yours truly
Wm Reiley

Wm. Riley
New Brunswick
N.J.
Jan 27/74

Hartford Jan 28/74.

Director of the United States Mint.
Dear Sir,

Will you please
inform me if the coins for
1874 are ready. 1. 3 & 5 cts. Proof
& also the Silver coins.

Is there going to be any change
in the styles of the silver & copper
coins this year.

Yours Respect

Heuman (Hungerford)

45 Prospect St

Hartford Ct

Newman Hungerford

Hartford

Conn

Galveston January 28th 1874.

James Pollock Esq. Sir

When will proof sets of
1874 be ready? & price —

Can I get 2^d of 1873?

Will you let me have my
pattern pieces? & prices.

Send me circular of medals —

I have nearly full set of American
coins & wish to enlarge it —

Respectfully
Thomas Ward

Thos Warner
Cochocton

Steuben Co
N.Y.

Brownsville Pa
Jan 27th 77

Dear Sir

Would you
please send me a
catalogue of the prices
of medals and the
proof sets &c and
oblige

Yours Truly

Seville Craig

Brownsville
Penna

Neville Craig

Bronsville

Jan^y 27 / 74

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

January 29, 1874.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U S Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir: I have your letter of the 28th
instant.

You will please include the
boxes in your bill for the spec-
imen trade dollar coins, to be
collected here, and send also
one trade dollar ordinary
coinage. If you have a proof
trade dollar of 1873 please also
include it.

I should not favor the strik-
ing of any pieces beyond the
number

number agreed upon.

Please have the third
set ordered placed in a case.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Directed as the client
January 29/74

Directing the
box for certain sets
of Specimens made
Dollar to be in-
cluded in the bill.

Recd Jan 30/74

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Jan'y. 9, 1874.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

The Report of official postage
stamps used at your institution
during the month of December,
1873, has been received, and forwar-
ded to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully,
Wm. A. Anderson
Director.

Director of the Mint
Jan'y 9/74

Report of Official
postage stamps used
in December, 1873,
rec^d & forwarded to
Sec'y Treasury.

Rec^d Jan'y 10/74

Jan. 9 1874.

Hon. James Pollock,

Supt. U. S. Mint.

Dear Sir,

Please strike for me two copies
of the "Henry Lee" Medal as mentioned
in your letter of the 7th inst. for
which three dollars is enclosed -

What would be the price of the above
Medal in silver? Please send to me
in care of Frank Browning, American
Express Co. 115 Broadway N. Y. and
oblige

Yours Respectfully
Geo. W. Farrier

Jersey City
N. J.

Phil^a. Jan 9th 1874

Superintendent of U S Mint

Sir I wish to have
Ten signet medals struck of fine silver
Respectfully Yours
G A Mendenhall

Ordered Jan 10. 1874

United States.

ia,

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Order

J. M. Beaman

for
10 Silver Signet

Medals

Jan'y 10. 1874

Mint of the United States,

CHIEF COINER'S DEPARTMENT.

Philadelphia, January 8th 1874.

Hon James Pollock
Superintendent -

Sir;

In answer to the note of Geo. W. Riddle Esq, Treasurer N.E. Ag. Soc., referred to me for reply, I have the honor to state that it would be very unsatisfactory to strike Gold Medals of the size desired, out of any other than fine gold.

It might be possible to bring the work up in standard gold, but the danger of injuring the dies would be so great that I should hesitate to undertake it unless under direct orders from the parties owning or controlling the dies. As for making the medals out of gold of 12 or 14 carats, as indicated in Mr. Riddle's letter, I should say it was entirely out of the question.

The metal would be too harsh to work, and the propriety of having alloy in the department of less fineness than standard, I think very questionable. I have the honor to remain

Very Respectfully Yours
London Hordens Coiner

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq
Coine
January 8/74

Objects to striking
gold medals for the N. E.
As. Soc. except as
fine gold.

Recd Jan 8/74

NEWARK SMELTING AND REFINING WORKS.

ED. BALBACH & SON,

233 RIVER STREET,

Newark, N. J., January 8th 1874

James Pollock Esq.

Supt. Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia.

Dear Sir.

Your
favor of the 29 ult. is at hand, and
in reply we beg to say that we
offer the value of the 90 Pbs. Mint
Sweep less a deduction of seven cents.
(7cents) per pound.

Yours very respectfully.
E. Balbach & Son.

40 584
283388
6920.64
4086.76

Ed Balbach & Son
Newark N. J.
July 8. 1874

Bid for Sweeps.

Rec^d July 9/74

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

January 8, 1874.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt of Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th instant, and accompanying 1873 assay medal in silver, the price of which, seventy five cents currency, find enclosed herewith.

Very respectfully,
A. Rinderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
Jan'y 8/74

Enclos^g. .75 ct
to pay for assay
medal of 1873.

Recd Jan'y 9/74

MS.
Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C.,

Jan'y, 7, 1874.

Hon. James Pollock.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to request that you will explain the omission from the pay-rolls of your institution of the following named employes, as shown by the Register of this Office, viz:

Joseph Butter, Cabinet,	\$4	per diem.
J. Tower, Roller,	\$3	" "
Mrs. O. Lawrence Adjuster,	\$1.75	" "
Miss Amanda Bell,	" 1.75	" "

Very respectfully,
W. B. Anderson
Director.

Revised by the Unit
July 7/74

Enquiries why
Joseph Butler,
J. Lawrence,
Mrs. C. Lawrence
Mr. Amanda Fell
have been dropped
from the pay roll.

Recd July 8/74

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C.,

Jan'y. 7, 1874.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

The following nomination
submitted in your letter of the 6th
inst. is hereby approved, to take effect
from January. 1. 1874, viz:
Wm. B. Wunder, promoted from
Laborer to Fireman, vice W. H. Wakefield,
resigned, and compensation increa-
sed from \$2.75 to \$2.90 per diem.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mill
Jan'y 7/74

Approving the
promotion of Wm
B. Winder to be
Fireman at \$2.90
per diem, vice
W. H. Wakefield
resigned.

Rec'd Jan 8/74

Mint of the United States,

CHIEF COINER'S DEPARTMENT.

Philadelphia, January 7th 1874.

Hon James Pollock,
Superintendent.

Sir;

In reply to your inquiry as to the amount of subsidiary Silver coin possible of execution during the present month, I would state, that the result will largely depend upon the demand made upon us for gold and base coin.

Last month's work included eight and one-half days ($8\frac{1}{2}$) over time, making the working time of the month equal to thirty five and one half days ($35\frac{1}{2}$). The Coinage for the month was

	<u>No Prices</u>	<u>Value</u>
Gold	75,500	\$ 1,206,000
Silver	1,282,400	508,185
Base	<u>1,780,000</u>	<u>36,600</u>
Total	3,137,900	\$ 1,750,785.

We can certainly turn out proportionately as large a coinage this month.

The result will to a certain extent depend upon the character of the bullion

operated upon, and the number of melts contained in each delivery.) Large deliveries work with a saving of time.

(I shall do all in my power to make the coinage as large as possible.)

I have the honor to remain

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

London Thursday
Coulter

A. London Snowden &
Coine

Jan 7/74

Repts the prob-
-able amount of Annual
Silver Coinage that
may be executed
during January 1874.

Recd Jan 7/74

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

January 7, 1874.

Hon James Pollock
Supt U S Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th instant, in relation to the sets of grain and gramme weights, and to inform you that the Secretary of the Treasury has been requested to procure the same through the Bureau of Weights and Measures, to be finished by the date of the annual assay.

Very respectfully,
H Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
Jan 7/74

Sec'y of the Treasury
with procured grain
and gramm weights
in time for the
annual assay.

Recd Jan 8/74

Assistant-Treasurer U.S.

New Orleans - La

1873

No. 18. TREA

Office of Assistant Treasurer U. S.,

New Orleans, La.,

January 7th, 1874.

Hon James Pollock

Supdt U.S. Mint

Philadelphia Pa

Sir

I have this day forwarded to your address per Express Six Kegs containing Three hundred Thousand - Dollars light coin.

Very Respectfully

Benj. F. Hanau.

U.S. Asst. Treas.

P.S.

List of Weights enclosed

They make a light coin

9 Kegs

Office of Assistant Treasurer U. S.,
NEW ORLEANS, LA.,

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Assistant Treasurer.

No. of Enclosures,

Dist of the weights of bags in Kega Nos 7-8-9-10-11+12.

Key
No. 7

266.80 ✓
266.70 ✓
266.63 ✓
266.09 ✓
266.85 ✓
266.85 ✓
266.03 ✓
266.92 ✓
266.62 ✓
266.62 ✓

~~266611~~

2666.35 weight on large
scale

Key
No. 8

266.72 ✓
266.34 ✓
265.68 ✓
266.84 ✓
266.78 ✓
266.65 ✓
267.57 ✓
267.15 ✓
267.21 ✓
266.25 ✓

2667.19

2667.35

Key
No. 1

2666.35
2666.35
2666.20
2666.25
2666.58
2666.58
2666.90
2666.90
2666.95
2666.95

Wt. in gross
of each key on
large scale

2666.95

Asst. Treas. U. S.
Benj. F. Flanders
New Orleans. La
(Date Januz 7th 1874)
Forwards by Express
\$300,000 light gold coin
for re-coinage &c

Recd Januz 12th 1874

Strawberry Valley Po Cal.

Office Cleveland and Sierra Hydraulic Mining Co.

Scales Diggings, Cal. Jan 7th 1873

Supt Mint Phil.

Dear Sir

I trust you will
pardon my troubling you to do
me a favor, should it be in your
power. I would like to ask, did
one Chas Brown, in the month of
June 1872 (or it might have been the
1st of July) deposit ^{at Phil.} any gold dust
in the U.S. Mint, if so what amount?

The mint returns must have been
sent to the State of Maine. If not
too much trouble and you do not
find the given name Chas. would
you let me know if any one named
Brown made a deposit.

A little memorandum of any transaction
of this kind will be most thankfully
received
Yours Truly
R.M. Williams

R. N. Williams
 Scale Diggings
 Jan'y 7, 74 ^{bal}

In relation to deposit
 by Chas & Brown
 made Aug 1, 1872

July 21, 1872 - #34312

Chas & Brown

Dear to Geo E Brown

21 Aug 1

Chas & Brown
 770
 20 21 1768 34312

Received Jan'y 21/74

was sent by Adams Express to Chas & Brown, 1872
 began same, on the 21st of August 1872

John W. Brown

Mr R M Williams

Department of State
Washington, Jan^y 7th 1874.

James Pollock, Esq.,
Director of the United States Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 22^d
May 1872, addressed to my predecessor,
Theodore T. Decision, Esq., with
regard to the value of gold and silver
medals for presentation to persons who
may have imperiled their lives in
the rescue of American seamen,
I infer that you have the die from
which the medals are struck, at the
Mint. If so, I will thank you to
have two gold medals struck from the
die valued at \$150 - or \$160 - and send

shown by express to the Department with
a bill made out in the name of
the Department of State. I am also
uncertain whether the inscription is
placed upon the medal at the mint
or whether we attend to it here. The
inscription will be as follows:

Presented by the President of the
United States to Francisco Perez for his
humanity to the crew of the American
brig Isabel Berman.

The only difference in the in-
scription to be placed on the second one
will be in the name - which should read
Vicente Perez.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Edward Maywood
Disbursing Clerk

Dear

Department of State
Washington

^{D.C.}
Jan'y 7 1874

for
2 Good Medals

Shipwreck Medals

Sent Jan'y 17 1874

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

January 6, 1874.

Hon James Pollock,
Supr Mint, }
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your letter of the 5th inst.
in relation to striking bronze
copies of the Robinson medal,
has been received, and your
proposal to strike a sufficient
number from time to time to
fill orders that may be
received, at \$2.50 each, is
approved.

Very respectfully,
H B Lumanawan
Director.

Order
H. R. Linderman
Director
U. S. Mint
Washington
for
Bronze "Robinson"

Medals

Jan'y 6. 1874

Jan'y 10/74

Ordered 20.

Mint of the United States,

AT PHILADELPHIA.

MELTING AND REFINING DEPARTMENT.

6. Jan. 1874

Hon. James Pollock
Suptdt. U.S. M. at Phila

Dear Sir,

What we need is a set of grain-weights from the one thousandth of a grain up to one grain at least, the set being 1. + .5 .3 .2 .1 + .05 .03 .02 .01 + .005 .002 .001. Further, in view of the permission to use the gramme series, we should have a set of gram weights from 1^{gm} up to the Kilogramme (1000^{gm}), in addition to the set recently sent from 5^{gm}. to .001^{gm} — and in order to compare one set of weights with the other, there should be a full decimal set of grain weights, from 10,000 grms. down to one grain.

When we desire now to make the comparison, we are obliged to use decimal

subdivisions of the ounce, & calculate their amounts on paper, at the two fold risk of errors of combination & calculation.

I present these views & solicit you to ~~lay~~ them before the Director, stating at the same time that what we most need is a set from 1 grain to the ¹1000 of a grain. for immediate use, & if practicable for the Annual Assay in February.

Respectfully yours
La C Booth
M. & R.

January 6. 1874
Prof. Booth to
Supt. on the
Subject of a set of
Gramm' Weights from 1 gram
to the ten of a gram &c

January 6/74 Sent copy to Dir.
of U. S. Mint. at Washington
DL
JP

Recd copy 6/74

MS.
Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

January 6, 1874.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir: I have to acknowledge the receipt this day of the Ordinary Expense Ac of your institution for the month of December, 1873, and to inform you that the same has been referred to the 1st Auditor for settlement.

Very respectfully,
H. Adams
Director.

Director of the Mint
Jan'y 6/74

Ordinary Expenss
A/c for Dec. 1873
rec'd & forwarded
to Mr Auditor for
Settlement.

Rec'd Jan 7/74

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

January 6, 1874

Hon James Pollock
Supt US Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Some two or three weeks
since there was forwarded
from Mr Aylmills, of the
Supervising Architects office,
some silver ores for assay.

I will thank you to have
it assayed and the result
reported as early as may
be convenient.

Very respectfully,
H Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
Jan'y 6/74

Enquires about
assay of ore for
A. G. Mills.

Rec^d Jan'y 7/74

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

January 6, 1874.

Hon James Balloch,
Intrusmint,
Philadelphia.
Sir:

The demand for small silver coin at New York is increasing, and I would thank you to inform me of the probable silver coinage during the present month. I hope it will not fall behind last month's outturn.

Very respectfully,
A. R. Sherman
Director.

Philad^a Jan'y 6th 1874

Y^w

Medal Clerk

U & Mint-

Dear Sir

The Hannah M Lloyd

Medals will be on time if they are done
on the 20th of this month,

I will call for them on the

21st, Please have them finished
and ready for delivery at that time
and oblige

Yours &c

Charles Cat

Supt-M Mint

No 19 South 5th St

MS.
Treasury Department.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

January. 6, 1874.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt this day of the Medal Fund of your institution for the quarter ending December, 31, 1873, and to inform you that the same has been transmitted to the 1st Auditor of the Treasury.

Very Respectfully,
H. Edmundson
Director.

Letter
H. R. Sindermon
acknowledging
the
Receipt of the
Medal fund of
to
Dec 31. 1873

RECEIVED

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Jan'y 26 1874

Hon: James Pollock

Superintendent of the

Sir

As requested by you,
I have the following statement to make,
in relation to the Documents herewith returned.

My first remark is, that while I have
no doubt that the amount of loss, as stated
in the Exhibits of the U.S. Office at New
York, is correct (indeed I have examined one
of them and find it so), yet the way they
have stated the difference of assays is totally
incorrect, and makes the matter appear much
worse than it really is.

Take for example their "Exhibit C.", where
it is shown by comparison of their assays with
ours, setting plus over against minus, that
we make a lower fineness on the whole, by

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JAMES POLLOCK,

Superintendent.

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$7\frac{1}{2}$ thousandths. Whereas, there being twelve separate numbers in that lot, the $7\frac{1}{2}$ should be divided by 12; and thus the real difference is .6, that is, a little over a half-thousandth. Of course, diversity of weight would affect this, but the weights are near enough alike to make my statement true.

A difference of a half-thousandth is so small, and so much to be expected, the world over, that it need give no trouble. In fact, when their Melter & Refiner was here lately, he said he would not regard that amount of variation.

Now this mode of statement runs through all the Exhibits, and in gold as well as silver. In some of the invoices, the variation is much greater than the one above specified; in others it is much less; but in every one, we report lower than they do.

My next remark is upon the test which their Assayer applied to me directly, as stated in Mr Acton's letter. I did not

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propose this, but I was not sorry for it; and in return I applied the same test to him; sending on samples without telling how we found them to be.

I consider this a very important cross-examination, as far as it goes. I append a copy of the results; and need only say, that ~~it~~^{they} show a tendency to higher reports there than here; and yet the difference is not material.

It is quite apparent that the loss which is complained of, occurs chiefly in the melting department; and of course that branch of the inquiry belongs to the Melt & Refiner.

It is however, so necessary to have harmony and confidence between the two Institutions, that I make a suggestion, to which I hope you & the M & R will agree. I would propose that an experiment which has never yet been made, shall be made under the eye of both parties, and of the

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Superintendent.

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Chief Officer of the Bureau, who is the final judge in the matter; either personally or by representative.

Let us take the next invoice, and instead of melting the whole of each number, melt about 1000 ozs. of each, by taking bars indiscriminately. Let these be assayed; and let the pots of ingots be made up from our assays, turning in the whole of their bars. This is to save loss and labor in melting; & also to see whether 1000 ozs. will not show just as true a fineness as 4000 or more. I believe that, on the whole, it will; just as it did, both on coin and bars, for many years ~~before~~ ^{gone by;} and just as it is expected to do now at our Annual Assay, where a few hundred ounces represent millions.

These ingots being weighed & assayed, & the grains got up, we can then know just what the real deficit is.

Still further, the observers can watch the rolling of the ingots, and see whether

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Superintendent.

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~~reflects~~ the trace of lead, antimony, or arsenic, which some of them may contain, is sufficient to make them brittle, or too hard to work.

This trial, as I said, should be made in the presence of our own MTR, and the same officer or an Assayer from New York; and if possible, the Director of the Mint also. Two or three days would suffice.

How much light this process would throw on a vexed question, and how well it would remove all unmerited blame, is too apparent to need any ^{remark, or} solicitation. It goes right to the point; and would be worth more than all the statements and counter-statements that can be written out.

I am very respectfully
your obed^t servant
Wm E DeBorja
Assayer

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JAMES POLLOCK,

Superintendent.

Subject

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Statement of cross-assays made by the Assayers at N. Y. and Phila., referred to in the foregoing paper.

I. Samples sent to us.

No	New York Report.	Mint Assay of New York Granulations	Mint Assay after being melted (here)
1	907½	907	907
2	905	907	907
3	912½	913¼	912½
4	908	908½	906
5	908½	908½	906
6	907½	907½	907

II. Samples sent to N. Y.

Experiment.

Regular reports.

	Mint Assay	New York Assay of Mint granulations	New York Report before melting at Mint.	Phila Report.
A	939	939.9	940	939
B	939	939.9		
C	929¼	930	929	928½
D	928	928.1		
E	927¾	928.1		

A. & B. are our two divisions of one N. Y. melt.

C, D. and E, divisions of one melt.

W. E. DeBor
Assayer

Mint of the United States,
PHILADELPHIA.

Jan'y 26/74 1874

~~JAMES POLLOCK,~~

~~Superintendent.~~

Subject Answer to
Complaint of N.Y.
Assay Office through
the Director of the Mint
Jan'y 21/74 of losses
through the melts &
assays at the Phil^a
Mint.

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Rec'd Jan'y 26/74

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C.,

May 21st, 1874.

Sir

I Enclose herewith copy of a letter from the Supt. of the New York Assay Office of the 13th inst, together with statement therein referred to; both referring to the loss in melting bars and differences in fineness at your Mint, as compared with that Office. I will thank you to carefully examine these papers at your Earliest convenience, and submit such explanations as may appear to be called for, with a view to ascertain the Cause or Causes of these differences and determine the proper remedies for their correction.

Very respectfully
H. Linderman
Director

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint U.S.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Director of the Mint
Jan 21/74

Forwarding for ex-
amination and report
copy of letter and
statement from the
N.Y. Assay Office
complaining of loss
in the Mint melts
and returns.

[Reply of A. & R. and of
the Assays, filed herein.]
(3 Enclosures.)

Recd Jan 22/74

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES, 2

MELTING & REFINING DEPARTMENT,

Philadelphia, 22 Jan^y 1874

Hon. James Pollock

Suptdt. U. S. Mint at Phila^a

Dear Sir

I have examined the letter of the Suptdt. N. Y. Assay Office, with its accompanying Exhibits A. B. & C. of 13 Jan. & the letter of the Director of the 21st Inst. and respectfully offer the following remarks on the subject.

I refer you to my remarks in a letter to you of the 15th Inst. in relation to the losses in melting the N. Y. Assay Office Silver for Dec. 73, to the deductions made by me in weight, & to the very close approximation of the average assays of that silver as made at the office in New York, & at our Mint. I refer to my remarks on the absolute wastage of pure ^{Silver} in the act of melting & casting, as determined by repeated and careful experiment, that it amounts to nearly $\frac{1}{1000}$ (.001), and I will here add

that the silver was not fluxed, & that during casting the draft was shut off by a damper, in order to bring the wastage to a minimum. I remarked in that letter that the average wastage in melting good standard silver was about $\frac{1\frac{1}{4}}{1000}$, probably a little less, & yet, I may add, it was melted without flux, & cast with the draft shut off.

I must iterate that a great deal of the silver from the U. S. Assay Office requires a little toughening by fluxing before it can be rolled out into coin, & yet this operation, generally considered as wasteful, however necessary, has only increased the average wastage of that silver to $\frac{151}{1000}$ (.00151) against the average for good standard metal, $\frac{125}{1000}$ (.00125). I refer to my statement of the manner of fluxing in my letter of the 15th Inst. as exhibiting the best method of toughening with the least loss of silver, and I now say that I adopted the method for the very object of ~~saving~~ avoiding excessive loss. In all cases of melting the melters note down the general character of an invoice, if there be anything unusual observed, and when any one

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MELTING & REFINING DEPARTMENT,

Philadelphia, 187—

melt is specially bad, it is so noted down by the melters from their observations. We have about three times within the last two months extracted lumps of silvery lead, weighing from one to 3 lbs. from three different Invoices of Assay Office silver. Had I supposed there would have been raised a question in regard to the lead, I would have reserved them, or would have taken evidence in relation to them, & then worked the silver out of them. We have occasionally met antimony & arsenic in the N.Y. A. Off. Silver, and only yesterday while melting deposit 51 (N.Y. A. O. Invoice No 2, No 417) we noticed the characteristic odor of arsenic, and the Assayer reports to me both arsenic & antimony in the fluxed material designed to extract those metals from ^{the} silver. I may note further that No 419 of Invoice 2 is also rendered quite impure by some base metal, rendering its fluxion necessary. on the difference of assays, yet there is one point which I am forced to look at, inasmuch as (over)

I call attention to one point which has not hitherto been noticed, & which I only hinted at in my letter of the 15th Inst. viz. that from the necessity of purifying the N.Y. A.O. silver in order to fit it for coinage at the least expense to the Gov^t, there is formed more sweep than usual. It would be impracticable to gather up the sweep of different lots of silver separately, so as to ascertain how much may fairly belong to each deposit, nor can we even separate the gold & silver sweep. But it does not seem proper to me that the N.Y. Assay Office should derive some benefit from the silver in the sweep of the Deposit melting room. Their deposits of silver during the last few months have been probably nine-tenths of all the silver deposited at the mint at Phil^a. Could some system be devised for crediting them with the silver in the Deposit sweep, equal to their proportion of deposits melted?

Altho' it is the Assayer's province to answer or remark on the difference of assays, yet there is one point which I am forced to look at, inasmuch as it affects

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

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MELTING & REFINING DEPARTMENT,

Philadelphia, _____ 187—

the working of my department, & to that I draw especial attention. I received & acted upon the tradition, that when casting silver, the last portions cast out are richer than the earlier, because of the burning off of copper during the time of casting 1500 @ 2000 oz. into ingots for coinage. This law does not hold good at the present time, for the granulations at the close of casting are as often poorer than those at the beginning, as they are richer, at least they are so often poorer, that the law is unreliable. I admit that it is difficult to explain the fact, but fact it certainly is, & if I may hazard a conjecture, I would say that I think it due to small quantities of foreign metals (arsenic, antimony, bismuth, &c) inducing a segregation of richer & poorer alloys. I think variations in assays of a large melt may be due in part to this fact.

Respectfully yours
J. C. Booth

James C. Booth
M. & R.
Jan'y 22/74

Repl to Com-
-plaint of N. Y.
Assay Office &
from Director of the Mint
January 21st about
melts & assays at the
Mint.

Recd Jan'y 22/74

Copy

~~Treasury Department~~

United States Assay ~~OFFICE, OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,~~

New York Jan y 13, 1874.

Sir -

As requested in your letter of the 5th inst. I herewith transmit statement of bullion sent to the Mint in Dec^r 73 showing the N.Y. weights & assay and mint returns of the same.

As all the Invoices sent in Dec^r have not been reported by the mint, I have prepared an additional statement embracing in gross those of October & November. Showing the deductions at the Mint and excess in reduction of fineness from our assays.

The last column in Exhibit B, shows the excess of - over + in the Mint assay.

This depreciation in fineness, in conjunction with the deductions and loss in melting of over 1500 oz of metal, I am unable to reconcile. It is generally the case that when Silver parts with the baser combinations in melting a corresponding

increase in fineness is obtained.

I also send a separate statement (Exhibit C), of Invoice # 79 with memorandum # 296.

For the purpose of testing the accuracy of our assays duplicate granulations of the bullion from which our assays were made were transmitted to Mr Dubois at the Mint without informing him of their connection with any particular Invoice. His report corresponded with our assays so closely (in one melt .002+) that our Assayer was perfectly satisfied of the general accuracy of our method and assays.

The Mint memorandum which we received this morning corresponding with this Invoice, shows not only a loss of 118,79 St. oz. but an excess of reduction in fineness of .007½ or a short return of \$1,39.10 on our valuation.

We think these excessive reductions are unwarrantable & hope they will be

thoroughly investigated

Very respectfully
Hosler Schen

(signed)

Hon H.R. Linderman

Supb

Director of the mint

Washington D.C.

P.S.

Mint of the United States,

AT PHILADELPHIA

MELTING AND REFINING DEPARTMENT.

27. Jan. 1874

Hon. James Pollock

Suptdt U. S. Mint at Phila

Dear Sir,

I assent to the proposition of the Assayer M^r Dubois as far mere trial is involved, trial direct of loss & assay; but I would not be content with a single invoice, nor 2 or 3 days. Prof. Rogers, in conjunction with the Director, found that it required more time for such experiments than he anticipated, in order to carry out the trial of the metal to rolling & coinage, &c. - which operations are intimately connected with the character of the metal, & cannot be determined by the melting & assay only. I suggest therefore that a commission of one from this Mint & one from the Assay office

N. Y. & an expert, of neither establishment, would be the best to test this whole subject with sufficient fulness to warrant a safe conclusion. Of experts I know of no one who is more cognisant of mintage, & skilful as a chemist, & upright in action, than Prof. R. E. Rogers.

I heartily subscribe to M^{rs} Dubois' opinion that direct determination is preferable to theory or supposition, provided only it be extended enough

Very truly yours
J. A. Booth

Jas. C. Booth
M + 12
Jan 27/74

Replies to the
Assays suggestions
with regard to the
adjustment of the dis-
ference with the N
O Office - submitted
by the Director of the Mint
Jan 21/74 - and
agrees to the plan
with modifications

Recd Jan 27/74

STANDARD WEIGHT, LEGAL LIMIT OF ABRASION, AND LEAST CURRENT WEIGHT OF UNITED STATES GOLD COIN.

1873.
Department No. 46.
Mint Bureau No. 1.
Coinage Act of 1873.

Treasury Department,
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,
Washington, D. C., April 1, 1873.

Section 14 of the Coinage Act of 1873 provides that gold coins which have become reduced in weight by natural abrasion not more than one-half of one per centum below the standard weight, after a period of circulation of twenty years, and a proportionate rate for a less period, shall be received at their nominal value at the United States Treasury and its offices.

The following tables exhibit the standard weight, legal limit of abrasion, and least current weight of single pieces, and sums of \$100, \$500, \$1,000, and \$5,000 United States gold coin, (excluding the dollar,) under the act referred to:

Statements exhibiting the standard weight, legal limit of abrasion, and least current weight of United States Gold Coin after a circulation of twenty years, under the provisions of the Coinage Act of 1873.

WEIGHT OF SINGLE PIECES.

Denomination.	Standard weight, in grains.	½ per cent. abrasion, in grains.	Least current weight, in grains.	
Double Eagle.....	516	2 ⁵⁸ / ₁₀₀	513 ⁴² / ₁₀₀	574½
Eagle.....	258	1 ²⁹ / ₁₀₀	256 ⁷¹ / ₁₀₀	257¼
Half Eagle.....	129	0 ⁶⁴ / ₁₀₀	128 ³⁶ / ₁₀₀	128¾
Three-Dollar.....	77.4	0 ³⁸ / ₁₀₀	77 ⁰² / ₁₀₀	
Quarter Eagle.....	64.5	0 ³² / ₁₀₀	64 ¹⁸ / ₁₀₀	
Dollar.....	25.8	0 ¹³ / ₁₀₀	25 ⁶⁷ / ₁₀₀	

The legal deviation from the standard weight on the coinage of the gold dollar being one-quarter of a grain, it will continue current until reduced in weight below 25⁵⁵/₁₀₀ grains.

Weights of different sums of United States Gold Coin, (excluding the dollar,) in Troy ounces, and decimals of the ounce.

Amount.	Standard ounces.		Less ½ per ct. abrasion.		Least current weight.	
	Ounces.	Thousandths.	Ounces.	Thousandths.	Ounces.	Thousandths.
\$5,000.....	268	.750	1	.343	267	.407
\$1,000.....	53	.750	0	.269	53	.481
\$500.....	26	.875	0	.134	26	.741
\$100.....	5	.375	0	.027	5	.348

my idea is that when a coin is in weight reasonably within the limit of abrasion, it should not be melted. See examples above. The limit of abrasion is to be calculated

In weighing coins in bulk at the mints, the ounce Troy, and decimals thereof, is used. The same system will no doubt be followed at the various Treasury offices, but in other places it may be more convenient to use pennyweights and grains, instead of decimals of the ounce Troy. A statement of the standard weight, legal limit of abrasion, and least current weight, in ounces, pennyweights, and grains, is also given.

Weights of different sums of United States Gold Coin, (excluding the dollar,) in ounces, (Troy,) pennyweights, and grains.

Amount.	Standard weight.			Less $\frac{1}{2}$ per ct. abrasion.			Least current weight.		
	Ozs.	Pwts.	Grains.	Ozs.	Pwts.	Grains.	Ozs.	Pwts.	Grains.
\$5,000.....	268	15	0	1	6	21	267	8	3
\$1,000.....	53	15	0		5	9	53	9	15
\$500.....	26	17	12		2	$16\frac{1}{2}$	26	14	$19\frac{1}{2}$
\$100.....	5	7	12			$12\frac{9}{10}$	5	6	$23\frac{1}{10}$

The gold dollar continuing current until the deviation from standard weight in manufacture is exceeded, 5,000 pieces will be current if not weighing less than $266\frac{145}{1000}$ ounces Troy.

For the information of the public, it may be stated that all double eagles, or twenty-dollar pieces, which have not been artificially reduced in weight will be found within the limit of natural abrasion allowed by law. The same rule will apply generally to eagles, or ten-dollar pieces, coined since 1845; half eagles, or five-dollar pieces, coined since 1855; quarter eagles, or two-and-a-half-dollar pieces, since 1860. The double eagle, or twenty-dollar piece, should continue current for fifty years from date of coinage; the eagle, or ten-dollar piece, for thirty-five years; the half eagle, or five-dollar piece, for twenty years; the three-dollar piece and the quarter eagle, or two-and-a-half-dollar piece, each fifteen years.

The deviation from standard weight, one-quarter of a grain, allowed by law in the coinage of the gold dollar, exceeds the legal limit of wear by nearly the eighth of a grain. All pieces of this denomination coined since 1860 will be found within the legal tolerance, if not fraudulently reduced in weight. These periods are estimated for coins when they constitute a part of the circulating medium, or are frequently transferred in Treasury and customs transactions.

It would save time, and otherwise facilitate the transaction of business, if persons having payments to make at the Treasury or custom-houses, would offer coins of one denomination only, and as far as practicable twenty-dollar pieces.

H. R. LINDERMAN,

Director of the Mint.

*"from Standard Weight. - That is to say
tolerance" is not to be added. -*

All Official Letters to the Department proper must be addressed to the "Secretary of the Treasury," and in replying to Letters from the Department the initials on the upper left-hand corner should be referred to

RS

Treasury Department,

Washington, D. C., January 5, 1874.

Sir:

The Director of the Mint having called my attention to the condition of the gold coins lately sent to the Mint from St Louis for recoinage I have to request that you will cause the pieces to be weighed separately and reserve such as are reasonably within the least current weight and otherwise in good condition - reporting the result of the weighing to me.

Very respectfully
Wm A. Richardson
Secretary.

James Pollock Esq
Superintendent of
U.S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa

Triv. Treasury
(Richardson)
Jan'y 5/74

Wants each piece
of gold from ~~the~~
St. Louis weighed
separately, and
only the lighter pieces
received; a report
the result.

See list of weights below!

Recd Jan'y 6/74

S.L.

Treasury of the United States,

Washington, January 5th, 1874.

Sir:

On July 1. 1872 the Bullion Fund stood on the Books of this Office at \$1.132.429.¹⁶/₁₀₀ which amount it is understood agreed with that on the Books of the Mint.

The following transfers of silver coins were made at the dates named, with the understanding that the proceeds were to be added to the Bullion Fund. viz.

May 24. 1873	from Washington	✓	\$1.664.
" 31. "	" New Orleans.	✓	16.250.
June 30 "	" Chicago	✓	6.900.
July 19 "	" Boston	✓	36.000.
Sept. 20 "	" Washington		12.344.48
Oct 18. "	" Philadelphia	✓	194.62
" " "	" Louisville	✓	409.30

Please advise me of the amount lost or gained if either, on each of these items, and of the amount of the Bullion Fund as per your Books Dec^r 31st 1873.

James Pollock, Supt. U. Mint. & Very Respectfully,
Philadelphia, Pa. L. E. Smith
Asst. Treas. U.S.

L R Tuttle
Asst Treas US
Washington DC
Janng 5/74

Wants gain and loss on
additions to the Silver
Bullion Fund, and
Amt of Bullion Fund
Decr 31. 1873.

Recd Jan 6/74

Office of Assistant Treasurer U. S.,

New Orleans, La.

Jan'y 29th 1874.

Thomas Pollock
Superintendent.

Philadelphia Pa

Sir,

On the 7th Inst.
I shipped to your address, by Express
Six (6) Kegs containing Three hundred
thousand Dollars in Gold Coin (\$300,000.00)

On the 8th three (3) Kegs containing
One hundred & Fifty thousand (\$150,000.00) Dollar
Gold Coin. Yesterday (28th) I forwarded
one (1) Keg with Fifty thousand (\$50,000.00)
Dollar Gold Coin, total Five hundred & ten
thousand Dollars, for recoinage.

Very Respectfully
Wm. J. Hammett
Asst. Treas. U. S.

Benj F. Flanders

Assistant Treasurer U. S.

New Orleans,

January 29, 1874

Relating to \$300,000.-
150,000.-
60,000.-

Total \$510,000 light
gold coin forwarded by
Express for recoinage.

No. of Enclosures

Recd Hsh 2/74

Reg of \$60.000. sold.

1 20^c 267.42. ~~X~~ Ounces.

2 " 267.75. ~~X~~ "

3 " 267.⁵⁸~~60.~~ ~~X~~ "

4 10^s 266.76. ~~v~~ "

5 " 267.80. ~~X~~ "

6 " 267.42. ~~X~~ "

7 " 267.85. ~~X~~ "

8 5^s 267.50. ~~v~~ "

9 " 266.17. ~~X~~ "

10 Mixed No 1 267.⁷⁵~~90.~~ ~~X~~ "

11 " " 2 266.72. ~~X~~ "

12 " " 3 267.⁶~~87.~~^{9.5} ~~X~~ "

\$60.000 3207.59

Over

U. S. Treasury, 187.
Please return with your weight
Marked opposite ours

Very Respectfully.

If any material difference in weight
please return this Memorandum showing
where the difference occurs.

Very Respectfully
B. F. Flanders
per C.

My dear Sir, I no doubt
forgot to enclose the
#1 10

You will no
doubt agree with
me that the boxes
or cases had better
be paid for by
the parties themselves -
and they would
unquestionably desire
it to be so. So include
the item of cases
in your Bill & I
will collect here
#102.

Wm. S. G. 2890

United States Assay Office
New York Jan'y 28th 1874

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Two hundred and fifty thousand (250.000) dollars in Gold Coin on ac of Invoice No 66, and endorse Express Receipt and Invoice No 8 of seven (7) boxes Fine Silver, payable 23.941 Trade Dollar pieces. Silver Coin 71⁺ Invoice No 9 of eighteen (18) boxes Deposit Silver, payable 50.330 Trade Dollar pieces - Silver Coin 55⁺ Invoice No 10 of twenty four (24) boxes Deposit Silver, payable 57.291 Trade Dollar pieces. Silver Coin 57⁺

Entered
7/29/1874

Submitted to U.S. Mint

I will, thank you to direct the attention of the Melter & Refiner to Invoice No 10. Special Melts, and request him to report if any of them contain foreign substances and what they consist of.

It is the desire of our Melter & Refiner to send you metal that shall prove in no way objectionable, or unfit for Coinage, and if he will point out the difficulties he encounters, we will have our reserve slips especially assayed for verification.

Wm. S. Pollock

Supt. U.S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Very respectfully
J. C. G. Supt.

C-2890-0-1-1874

Newport

Jan'y 28. 1874

Assay Office MS

ack. Recpt \$250,000-
in Gold coin in a/c
Duo. No 66 & Transmitt
Exp Recpt & Invoice No 8
of 7 boxes Fine Silver; Duo
No 9 of 18 boxes deep silver
& Duo No 10 of 24 boxes
deep silver.

✓

Recd Jan'y 29. 1874

ORIGINAL.

No. 8@10

United States Assay Office,

New York, *July 28* 1874

Received from the U. S. ASSAY OFFICE at New York, for transportation and delivery to the U. S. Mint, at Philadelphia, *Forty nine* boxes *silver* bullion, of the net value of *One hundred thirty five* thousand, *Eight hundred thirty nine* — ⁶⁰/₁₀₀ Dollars, returnable in *Trade Dollars*

\$ *135,839* ⁶⁰/₁₀₀

J. C. Baker

For the Adams Express Company.

W.S.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

January 28, 1874.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

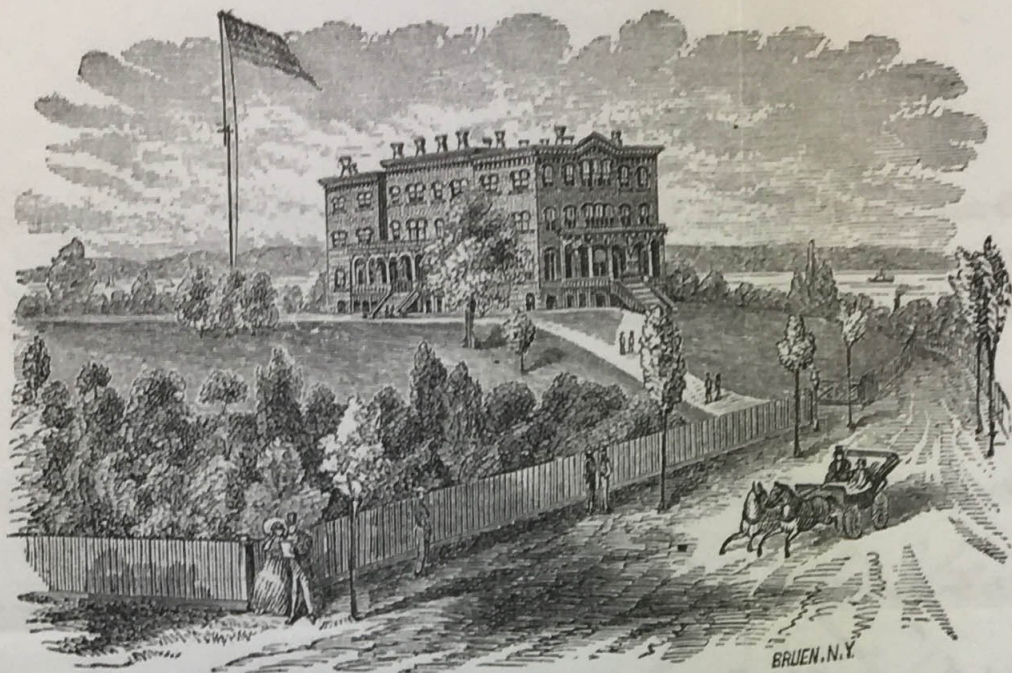
I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 27th instant covering a letter to the Secretary of the Treasury with P. O. No. 572 for \$46.05 on account of Old material sold, and to inform you that the same have been forwarded to their proper destination.

Very respectfully,
H. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
Jan'y 28/74

Adj' acct of
6/10 for \$46⁰⁵ for
old materials sold.

Rec'd Jan'y 29/74



Riverview Academy.

Poughkeepsie, N.Y., Jan. 23rd 1874.

To the Superintendent of
the U. S. Mint at
Philadelphia,

Dear Sir;

I hold
an appointment from the
Finance Department, under which
I have charge of a number of Jap-
anese Students, now in this country.

One of them, designed to be edu-
cated so as to carry on the operations
of the Mint in his own country,
is now at Michigan University

Am Arbor, Mich., giving his attention to the study of chemistry and mineralogy. He is now desirous of soon entering some practical establishment where he may become familiar with the necessary operations in actual practice, either in the mint itself, or some place where similar work is done.

I should feel very much gratified, as I am sure the Finance Department would, if I could secure for him, a place in your laboratory. If your rules render that impossible, your knowledge of facilities of this kind, doubtless renders you highly competent to suggest to me what may be the best place ^{in which} to acquire the requisite

Knowledge and experience.

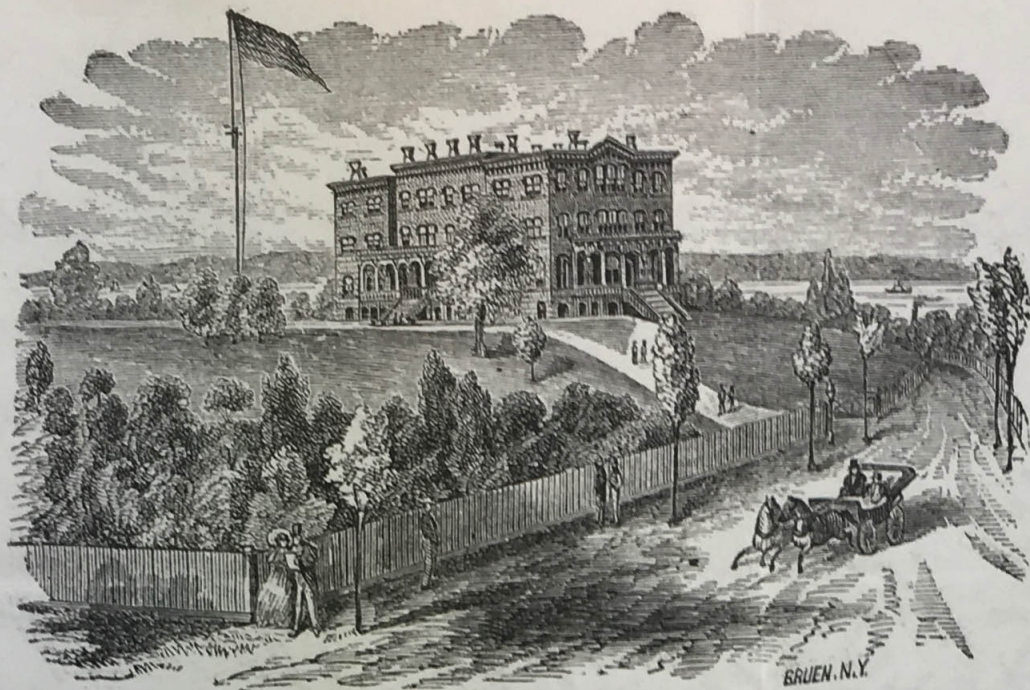
Will you have the goodness to communicate to me whether you can receive him or not into the mint itself; and, if not, what course you would recommend. I am informed that the young man's character is excellent.

Very respectfully yours,
Otis Wilson

Otis Wislen
(Riverside Academy)
Payee Keeper
N.Y.

Want place in
the Assay Department
for a Japanese
Student to learn
the business.

Recd Jan 24/74



Riverview Academy.

Poughkeepsie, N.Y., Jan. 28th 1874.

Hon. Jas. Pollock,

Superintendent of the
U. S. Mint, Philadelphia,
Dear Sir;

Your
very obliging letter of the 27th inst.
in reply to my request con-
cerning the Japanese student,
I have this day received.

My letter to you was written
on the young man's application
to be placed in such an insti-
tution as yours. I have now

written to ascertain his fitness for the place, in the opinion of Dr. Douglas, the professor of chemistry in the Michigan University, Ann Arbor, Mich. If his opinion is favorable, I shall most gladly avail myself of your suggestions relative to addressing the Ambassador of Japan, at Washington.

Without explicit instructions relative to the matter, my impression is, that it is desirable that the young man should receive such a knowledge of the business as would be best attained both by study and practice; but you are far better qualified to judge of the utility of actual processes than I can be. The advantages of study

and observation at the mine,
cannot fail to be of great im-
portance to him.

I am, Sir,

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant,

Otis Bissbee

Otis Bishop
Paykeeper
N.Y.

In reference to per-
mitting a Japanese
Student study in the
Assy Dept of the Univ

Recd Jy 30/74

Jan 27 1874

United States Assay Office,
New York, Jan 27th 1874.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of
Fourteen thousand (14,000) dollars in Quarter dollars,
on $\frac{1}{2}$ of Invoice No 79.

The Asst Treasurer needs Coins
of less denomination than Double Eagles for the
accommodation of Pay Masters, and has applied
to this Office for \$100,000 each, Eagles, Half Eagles,
Quarter Eagles, Three Dollars, and One Dollar.

Can you forward the same in payment of our
Invoices?

Very respectfully

Wm A. Pollock

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa.

Thos H. Active
Supt.

A-2889-V-1-1874

New York

Jan'y 27, 1874

Assay Office MS

ack Recpt \$14.00
1/4 Dollars on a/c Invoice
No 79,

Y C, &c

Rec'd Jan'y 28, 1874

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Jan 27 1874

Hon James Pollock

Supt US Mint

Sir

Please have struck at your
early convenience Ten (10) Gold Signer
Medals.

Respectfully Yours.
J. L. Munroe

James M. Bunn
Phila^a.

Jan'y 27/74

Order for 10 Gold
Signet Medals

19 Park Place, New York

Jan 27th 1874

Jas. C. Booth M.D.

Dear Sir

Enclosed you will find the Bill which you forwarded to me. The stupidity of the senders, or their capacity for making mistakes appears to be remarkable. They were directed to ship the apparatus to the Director of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, and to send the bill and invoice to me at 19 Park Place, New York; and they seem to have presumed that Philadelphia and New York were one and the same city.

I regret the trouble to which you have been put.

Yours respectfully
O. S. Penwick

19 Park Place, New York

Feb 27 1874

Jas. C. Booth M.D.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 3rd ult. reached me today, I have made out two bills in duplicate for the apparatus, reducing the English price to currency on the basis of \$4.86 gold for the Pound, and of 111.⁵/₈ currency for the gold dollar, and adding 5% for letter writing postage &c, which is probably as much as a merchant would charge. I am too busy today to attend to the remittance to England, but will see that

it is forwarded as soon as
you return me the original
bill, which I sent to you.
Please send this to me
by return of mail if
possible.

I send with the bills, an
order to pay the money to
you as that is the most
convenient mode for me.

Yours respectfully
Ed. Penwick

Original bill of Jno. J. Griffin & Sons

1873. Oct. 7. Müller's Prouss Apparatus £ 24 =

£ 24 @ \$4⁸⁶ = \$ 116.⁶⁴ gold. 116⁶⁴ gold @ 111⁵/₈
for currency = \$ 130.²⁰ 130²⁰ @ 5% commission
= \$ 136.⁷¹ M^{rs} Penwick only makes it
\$ 136.⁵⁸ which is 4⁸¹/₁₀₀ per cent.

amt. of bill \$ 136.⁵⁸

E. S. Renwick
19 Park Place
New York
Febr 2. 1874

Enclosing to J. C.
Booth, M. & H. bills
for apparatus for
Miller's Chlorine
process.

Recd Febr 3/74

30 Jan^y. 4

Mr. E. B. ~~Swick~~

19 Park Place N.Y.

Dear Sir,

On account of the difficulty & loss of time required to procure a regular bill & receipt from Mess. John J. Griffin & Sons for the Apparatus for Miller's Process, imported by you for us, without which receipt we cannot get our accounts passed at Washington, the Superintendent requests me to ask you to procure a remittance of the £24: to that house in London. In the mean time as we know the account is correct, and we have had the goods on ^{hand} ~~storage~~ for a long time, with your pleasure make out a bill in your own name, for the remittance & the costs attending it, against the U.S. Mint at Phil^a for the same.

The bill must be in duplicate, and receipted by you, & ~~endorsed~~ made payable to some one in Phil^a, who can collect it for you. You can do this through Adams' Express, which has an office in the Mint, or to save needless cost, I will remit you check for same, if you make it payable to me. The simpler the bills are, the better, for if you state on bills that the goods were imported from J J G & sons, we might be required to give a full history & vouchers for them, at the useless expenditure of much time.

The Suptdt. thinks that the above course is the best to pursue, to simplify the matter & reimburse a foreign house in creditable time.

Respectfully yours
Jas C Booth
M & R.

Office of Assistant Treasurer U. S.,

St. Louis,

January 27, 1874

Sir:

In direction of the Hon. Secretary of the Treasury I hand you herewith per Adams Express Company \$1,000# in short weight gold coin.
Please acknowledge receipt.

Very Respectfully
Edw. W. Brown
Asst. Treasurer.

James Pollock Esq
Director of the U. S. Mint
Philadelphia
Pa

Jan 30, 1874 — 33.31 04

Office of Ass't Treasurer U. S.,

ST. LOUIS,

Jan'y 27, 1874

A. G. Edwards

Assistant Treasurer.

Howard & Esch
\$1,000. light gold
Coin for the coinage

No. of Enclosures

Rec'd Jan 30/74

United States Assay Office,

Charlotte, N. C. Jan. 26th 1874.

Hon. Jas. Pollock,
Superintendent U. S. Mint, Philadelphia Pa.,

Sir:

I have sent you
by the care of Mr. J. Rintels, a prominent merchant of this
place, a package of Bullion viz: 1 Mint Bar, stamped as follows:
No. 84,1873 - 2.100 gr., 9.910 Fin - also one half-eagle - total value
\$44.50. May I ask you to exchange it for a roll of
Test Gold for assays, and, if you please, to stamp it with
its fineness. The half-eagle is sent by the Minter,
who desires Pure Gold in exchange for it with a view to some
private experiments - I trust there will be no difficulty
in complying with his request. It may all be sent
in one piece, and the division can be made here.

Any attentions shown to Mr. Rintels will be ap-
preciated & reciprocated.

Very Respectfully,

Your Obedt. Servant

Calvin Howles

Assayer in Charge.

P.S. It may be sent back to us
by express.

C. J. C.

Calvin J Lowles
Assay Charlotte, Assay Office
January 26/74

Enclosing gold Bar
and Staly Eagle, value
\$44 ⁵⁰ to be exchanged
for test gold for assay,
do.

[Mch 9/74 \$55.00
- turned by Express. I

Recd Jan 1874

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

January 26, 1874.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U S Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 24th instant, inquiring whether the sum of \$21,763.72 standing to the credit of the minor coinage account cannot be drawn upon at once by the Treasurer of the U.S. and applied to the reimbursing of the Redemption fund.

The gain arising from the minor coinage being the difference between the nominal value of
such

such coin and the cost thereof, is chargeable only with the wastage incurred in such coinage, and the expense of distributing the same; the balance is, by express provision of law, to be covered into the Treasury of the United States.

I take it for granted that the item to which you refer is a gain on the minor coinage, and cannot, therefore, be employed in reimbursing the Redemption fund.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
January 26/74

The sum of
\$21,763.⁷² standing
to the credit of the
minor coinage a/c
cannot be drawn upon
by the Treas. U.S. and
applied to the re-
imbursing of the
Redemption Fund.

Recd Jan 27/74

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Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

January 26, 1874.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following promotion submitted in your letter of the 23^d inst. is hereby approved, to take effect from the 1st instant, viz:

George Hansell, Cutter, Coiners Department @ \$3.25 per diem, to be Foreman of Cutters @ \$3.50 per diem, vice Robert Gillespie, resigned.

Very respectfully,
A. L. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
January 26/74

Approving the
promotion of George
Stansell (cutler, at \$3²⁵)
to Foreman of the
Cutters (Coiners des-
-patchment) at \$3⁵⁰
per diem, per Janu-
-ary 1st 1874, vice
Robert Gethespie,
resigned.

Recd Jan 27/74

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C.,

Aug 26th, 1874.

Sir

The following Statements
are due this office for the
month of December 1873.

Statement of Gold & Silver Deposited
" of Gold & Silver of Domestic
Production.

also Quarterly Statement of
Earnings & Expenditures for
the Quarter Ending Dec. 31. 1873.

Please transmit as early
as possible.

Very respectfully

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint U.S.

H. S. Linderman
Director

Philadelphia

Director of the Mint
Jan'y 26/74

Wants Statement
of Receipts, & domestic
production for
December 1873.

Also Statement
of Earnings & Expenditures
for Quarter Ending
December 1873.

Recd Jan'y 27/74

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

January 26, 1874.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The nomination of Edwin F. Walton,
as Laborer in your institution @ \$2.⁷⁵
per diem, vice W. B. Munder, promoted,
submitted in your letter of the 23^d inst.,
is hereby approved to take effect from
the 1st proximo.

Very respectfully,
H. Linderman
Director.

(Hon. L. Myers)

2453 July 24 19th Nov

Director of the Mint
Jan 26/74

Approving appointment
of Edwin H. Waller, as
Laborer in the General
Department, at \$2.75
per diem, from Feb 1/74
vice W.B. Winder
promoted.

Recd Jan'y 27/74

PIER 33, EAST RIVER, FOOT OF OLIVER ST., NEW YORK.

LORILLARD STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
NEW YORK OFFICE.
PIER 33 EAST RIVER.



Philadelphia Office, Pier 19 North Wharves. John F. Ohl, Ag't.

No claim for damage or short delivery of Goods will be allowed unless the Agent is notified of such claim prior to the departure of the steamer on which it occurs.

The Goods herein referred to shall be subject to a lien, and may be retained for freight and charges on other Goods, due from the party on whose account they are transported, as well as for freight and charges on the Goods retained.

MARKS AND NUMBERS.

W. S. Meur
Philadelphia, Pa.

36 Empty Specie Kegs

Freight - - - - -
Charges - - - - -
Insurance Premium - - - - -

\$3.60

\$

NO DEDUCTION OF LADING SIGNED FOR LESS THAN FIFTY CENTS.
NO INSURANCE EFFECTED FOR LOSS THAN ONE DOLLAR PREMIUM.

NEW YORK TO PHILADELPHIA.

Shipped by

W. S. Meur
Benefactor

to be laden on board the Steamship _____ whereof _____ is Master, or any other Steamship of the LORILLARD STEAMSHIP COMPANY, bound for PHILADELPHIA, (with liberty to call at any Port or Ports, for whatever purpose, to sail with or without Pilots, and to tow or assist vessels in all situations.) To say:

Thirty six (36) Empty specie Kegs
some hoops off - not
owners risk - not
accountable for condition

being marked and numbered as per margin, to be conveyed unto the aforesaid Port of PHILADELPHIA (the said Goods, the country's enemies, etc. at sea or in port, accidents to or from machinery, boilers or steam, restraint of elements, fires, robbers, thieves, collisions at sea or in port, and all and every danger of the seas, rivers, and steam navigation, of whatever nature, and soever excepted,) and neither the ship nor the owners thereof being liable for loss from any of the causes above stated, and to be there delivered within reach of the Steamship's tackles, unto him or them of whom the Goods are consigned.

Under the Bill of Lading, as per margin hereof, with average accustomed. **Weights, Contents, and Value unknown.**

signed hereof, as soon as the Goods are delivered from the tackle of the Steamer in the aforesaid port of Philadelphia, and they shall be received by the consignee thereof, and by package, as so delivered; and if not taken away without delay, they may (at the option of the Steamer's Agent) be stored, permitted to lay where landed, or returned to the port of shipment, at the expense and risk of the consignee or owner, shipper or consignee.

And it is further hereby stipulated, that in case any claim shall arise against the Steamship or the owners thereof for any loss or damage to the above merchandise while on the voyage from New York to Philadelphia, such claim (in all cases) shall be preferred at the time of the articles at the port of shipment upon the date of shipment, and shall be preferred at the office of the Agent for the Steamship in Philadelphia, before the merchandise shall have been delivered. And in case such claim is not preferred within the time and at the place designated, such loss or damage shall be deemed to be waived, and the Steamship and the owners thereof shall be discharged therefrom.

It is also hereby agreed and understood by the Shipper or Shippers, that all Goods signed for **ON DECK** are at **OWNER'S RISK ONLY**, and Company assumes no risk of damage from **FIRE, WATER or FREEZING**, while Goods are on Piers.

In Witness whereof, the Agent of said Steamship hath signed _____ Bills of Lading, all of this tenor and date, one whereof being accomplished, the others to stand void.

Dated at NEW YORK, this *24* day of *May*, 187*2*

W. S. Meur

PIER 19, NORTH WHARVES, FOOT OF CALLOWHILL ST., PHILADELPHIA.

THE ATTENTION OF SHIPPERS

Is called to the following FIRST-CLASS

FREIGHT ROUTES!

BETWEEN

NEW YORK & WILMINGTON, N. C.

ALL GOODS WILL BE FORWARDED BY THE

LOBILLARD FAST WILMINGTON

FREIGHT LINE,

And to BOSTON, all goods will be forwarded

BY THE

PROVIDENCE AND NEW YORK

Steamship Company's Inside Line.

Int *2856*

United States Assay Office,

New York,

Jan 24th 1874

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of
Thirty three thousand (33,000) dollars in Half
dollars, on $\frac{1}{2}$ of Invoice No 86.

Very respectfully
for Superintendent

OK ~~W~~ Hon James Pollock

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa.

J. M. Lloyd
Chief Clerk

P. S. Thirty six (36) Empty specie bags forwarded
you this day.

A-2888-U-1-18/14.

New York

Jan'y 24/18/14

Assay Office MS

ack Rept \$33.000 -
1/2 Dollars on a/c
Invoice No 86.

TC

Recd Jan'y 26/14.

Mint of the United States,

AT PHILADELPHIA.

MELTING AND REFINING DEPARTMENT.

24. Jan^y 1874

Hon. James Pollock

Suptdt. U. S. Mint at Phila

Dear Sir,

I respectfully suggest

some changes in the wages in my Department, due the men who fill highly responsible positions with the greatest diligence, & integrity, and with earnest zeal for the Interests of the Government. I suggest that Mr John Mirkil should receive not less the \$5⁵⁰ pr day, because his ability, industry, and integrity have been employed in the most responsible position, with value to the Government. He has performed the fullest clerical duties, demanding a large amount of daily computations, in order especially to execute the Director's ex-

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pressed wish, to keep a profit & loss account
of daily workings. — I further suggest that
the two melting foremen F. Garrigues and
Thos. Mirkil should receive not less than
\$5.00 per day; that Wm G. Summers, foreman
of the Refinery should receive not less than \$4.00,
and J Beckman, Foreman of Cent melting
not less than \$4.00. Among the workmen
I suggest that H. Schauer & H. White,
should receive the same as the others in
the Deposit melting room, i.e. \$3.75 in
stead of \$3.50 as at present. — I suggest
further that the helpers in the Cent Melting
Dept. should receive not less than \$3.00
pr. day instead of the \$2.90 which they
now receive.

Very truly yours.

J. C. Booth

m & R.

Jas. C. Boothe
M & B
Jan'y 24/74

Recommending increase
in the pay of
John Miskel & other
employees in the M & B
department

Rec'd Jan'y 25/74

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Jan 23. 1874
Hon James Folger
Supt U. S. Mint Phila
My dear Sir,

The President
and Sec. Fish are
desirous of obtaining
each a set of the
Specimen Trade
Dollars. Please
reserve two sets
and have a neat
case for them, that
is a case for each
set, and send them
to me. If you can do

So please present
six sets in addition -
as I apprehend
further demands
upon us here. from
persons connected
with the Government
whom it will be
proper to accommodate.

The money for
the two sets for the
Rust & Lee Notes has
been placed
~~in~~ in my hands
I will be permitted
to mention by the
H. K. R. man
Director

From

Director wanting
two sets of Pattern Trade
dollar for the President
& Sec of State. Also
6 additional sets.

Jan'y 23. 1874
" 27. "

Jan'y 28/74. Rec Director
Answer within

Rec Jan'y 24/74

(copy)

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Jan'y 28 1874

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 23d inst, requesting two sets of Pattern Trade dollars, with neat boxes, for the President and Secy of State, also six additional sets for future contingent requests, has been received.

They will be ready in a few days, we are only waiting for the boxes, which have been ordered. I will also send you the six sets referred to in your letter of the 23d & 27th, and one other making three, for the Secy as requested.

The boxes will be \$5.00 each, you can make out the bill in the name of John Money, and certify it, and I will see it paid out of the contingent fund.

You say that you enclosed \$1.00 in currency for a trade dollar, there was no money in your letter, a forget.

but not so serious as to be beyond
remedy. The price, however, is \$1⁴⁰ in silver,
the actual value of the Trade dollar.

The six sets to be sent will meet
the wants of any others connected with
the Department that may apply to you.
and will constitute the reserve you
mention. We have struck the full
number agreed upon by yourself and
myself, have so informed the collec-
tors, and all have been taken. We
have no more on hand, unless we rescind
our decision, and commence anew,
which would not be desirable.

Shall I have a case prepared
for the third ~~case~~ set requested by
the Secy.

Will forward so soon as the
cases are ready.

Yours
Chas. R. Linderman (signed)
Director of the Mint.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Jan 28 1874

Nb. of Papers,

Subject,

Trade Dollars
Patterns for the
President, and Secy
of State, &c

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Jan 27, 1874

Hon James Pollock, Supt &c

My dear Sir,

I suppose you received my letter of Friday last requesting two sets of specimen Trade dollars, each to be put in suitable cases, one for the President and the other ^{for} the Secretary of State. When may I expect them. - The cases you will pay for out of contingent fund. Fifteen dollars currency has been placed in my hands to pay for the two sets.

I ~~under~~ think it would be well to hold a few sets in reserve in case other parties connected with the Dept &c should apply. -

I enclose \$1⁰⁰ currency for which send me one Trade dollar

New York

H. R. Luderer

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Jan 27, 1874.

My dear Sir,

The Secretary having just returned from Cabinet meeting request me to make the sets of specimen dollars three instead of two as heretofore ordered, Please therefore to send the set, and oblige.

Truly yrs

J. Buchanan

Hon James Pollock

Symmes Ct
Aug 23rd 74
James Pollock Supt.

Sir -

Enclosed please
find Money order
for which send
me 5 Trade dollars
by Express

Respectfully
Yours
J. H. S. S. S.

Symmes
Ct

S. H. Canfield
Seymour
Conn
Jan'y 23/74

Order for 5 trade
dollars. P. O. order
enclosed for \$8.75

Throusville Pa -

June 24. 74

Sp Please notify me when the
Proof set p 1874 will be ready
How many pieces - & how much
worth that I may remit in some
directly p cheam.

~~Yours~~

Horace E. Hayden

Horace E Hayden
Brownsville
Pa

Jan 24/74

Inquiries when Proof
set for 1874 will be
ready

CLEVELAND, BROWN & CO.

IRON MERCHANTS.

25 to 31 Merwin Street,

Cleveland, July 24 1874

James Pollock Esq. - Supt
Philadelphia Pa

Dear Sir

Enclosed you will find \$15⁰⁰ Cy- for which
please send me by Express - One of each of the
"Pattern Trade Dollars of 1873" - 6 in number -

Yours Respectly
R. J. McKelvey

R. G. McKelvey
Cleveland
Ohio

Jan 24/74

Order for Pattern
pieces

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

January 22, 1874.

Hon James Ballock,
Supt U S Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt by express of seven proof pattern pieces of the trade dollar as per letter of advise dated the 21st instant, and enclose herewith my draft on G B Sinderman, New York, for the amount due \$52,50.

Very respectfully,
H. Sinderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
Jan 22/74

Enclosing draft
on G.B. Sinderman
New York, for \$52 50
in payt of 7 pattern
pieces of the Trade
Dollar, forwarded the
21 or mto.

Recd Jan 23/74

E. M. HITCHCOCK & CO.

GENERAL FOUNDRYMEN,

AND MANUFACTURERS OF

Architectural Iron Work

OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

Office, 78 River Street; Works on Meadow Street.

TERMS CASH.

Cleveland, O. *Jan'y 24 1874*

Mr James Pollock Esq

Enclosed you will find 15⁰⁰ dollars
Please send me by Express the Six Patterns
Pieces of the Trade Baller and oblige
yours

N. Carnegie

78 River Street
Clev Ohio

A. Carnegie
Cleveland
Ohio

Jan 24/74

Order for pattern
Sent

349. Broadway
Chelsea
Mass.

Jan 13th

H. Lindeman
Boston

What will be the
price of proof sets of Silver
Compend & Nichols this year
R. H. Anderson

And oblige

Yours resp
J. H. Pratt

P. 35 - O.D.M.
Chelsea, Mass Jan. 13, 74.

J. F. Pratt,

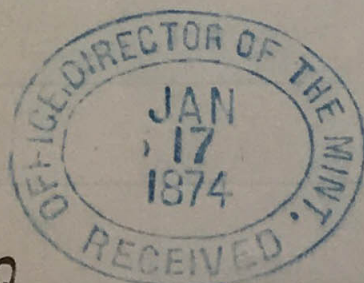
Asks price of
proof sets.

Mint Bureau

January 17, '74.

Respectfully referred
to the Supt of the
U.S. mint at Philadelphia
for reply.

H. Linderman
Director



Re Jan 19/74

Geo. A. Waller, Pres^t

M. B. Gilbert, Vice Pres^t

W. Kinney, Cashier

IRON NATIONAL BANK.

CAPITAL \$ 100,000.

Portsmouth, O. Jan'y 24 1874

Hon Director of the
US Mint

Sir

Enclosed find

\$3- please send me a proof set
of Silver Nickel & Copper Coins for 1874
If this is not enough will send bal
on advice

Respy
W Kinney

W. Kinney

Pitts mouth

Ohio

Jan 24 1874

Sent Jan 30/74

Imp

9/28/74

United States Assay Office,

New York,

Jan'y 23rd 1874

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Seven-
teen thousand (\$17,000) dollars in Dinars, on
Ac of Invoice No 1.

Very respectfully

D.R. Allen

Hon. James Pollock

Supt. U.S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa.

Thos. C. Acton
Supt.

A-2887-1-1874

New York

Jan'y 23^d 1874

Assay Office U.S.

Acck Recpt \$17,000,
in Dimes on a/c
Invoice No I.

Rec'd Jan'y 24. 1874

ORIGINAL.

No. 5

United States Assay Office,

New York, *May 22* 1874

Received from the U. S. ASSAY OFFICE at New York, for transportation and delivery to the U. S. Mint, at Philadelphia, *Three* boxes *Gold* bullion, of the net value of *One hundred & seventy three thousand seven hundred & sixty four* ¹⁰⁰ Dollars, returnable in *Double Eagles*

\$ *173,765* /

[Signature]

For the Adams Express Company.

ORIGINAL.

No. *6*

United States Assay Office,

New York, *Jan* *22^m* 18*74*

Received from the U. S. ASSAY OFFICE at New York, for transportation and delivery to the U. S. Mint, at Philadelphia, *Twenty five* boxes *Silver* bullion, of the net value of *Eighty seven thousand* & *seventy nine* — *37* Dollars, returnable in *dimes* *100*

\$ *87,079* *37* *100*

J. A. Babcock

For the Adams Express Company.

ORIGINAL.

No. 7

United States Assay Office,

New York, Jan 22 1874

Received from the U. S. ASSAY OFFICE at New York, for transportation and delivery to the U. S. Mint, at Philadelphia, Seventeen boxes Silver bullion, of the net value of Fifty two thousand two hundred & two ⁶⁴/₁₀₀ Dollars, returnable in Trade Dollars

\$52,202 ⁶⁴/₁₀₀ S. C.

[Signature]

For the Adams Express Company.

United States Assay Office,

New York, July 22nd 1874

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Twelve thousand (12,000) dollars in Half dollars on $\frac{1}{2}$ of Invoice No 86, and enclose Express Receipts, and Invoice No 5 of three (3) boxes deposit Gold, net value \$173.765 $\frac{70}{100}$ payable in Double Eagles.

Invoice No 6 of twenty five (25) boxes Fine Silver net value \$87.079 $\frac{37}{100}$ payable in Dimes.

Invoice No 7 of seventeen (17) boxes Fine Silver, payable 50.559 Trade Dollar pieces, & 47 $\frac{1}{2}$ in S. C.

Very respectfully ✓

Hon. Sec. Pollock

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa.

✓
✓
✓
H. C. Acton
Supt.

Entered
7/23/74

A. 2886. U-1-1874.

New York

Jan'y 22/74

Assay Office Cls.

Ack Recpt \$12.000
w¹/₂ does on a/c Am
No 86. & Transmitt Exp
Recpt & Invoice Nos 5 of
3 boxes dep^osed, No 6
of 25 boxes Fine Silver
& No 7 of 14 boxes
Fine Silver.

Recd Jan'y 23^d 1874.

James town / Aug 22/74.
Director W. S. McInt.
Dear Sir,

Enclosed please find
Thirty cents for which you will have
the kindness to send me two sets of
1 cent, 3 cents, & 5 cents, for 1872.
You spoke last Dec - 1872, that
they were Thirty-cents instead of Twenty-
Five as I had enclosed,
Should there be any deduction on account
of the non-issue of the Two-cent
Please put in 1 cent, quite immaterial
though.

Can I obtain a Gold Dollar,
Half & Quarters? If so please in-
form me, price & it will remit im-
mediately.

Trusting this may meet with your
approbation, & awaiting an answer
dear Sir,

Yours Respectfully,
Chas. S. Bishop.

Postage
sent &c

C. L. Bishop
Jamestown
N. Y.

Jan 22/74

Order for 2 Nickel
proof sets

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Jan 22 1874

Please strike 18 Bronze Medals for—
Penna Statute Agr. Soc —

John F. Leary
506 Chestnut St.

Mint of the United States,
PHILADELPHIA.

January 22 1874

~~JAMES POLLOCK,~~

~~Superintendent~~

Subject *Order of John H*

Leak for 18 Brong

Penn State Agl

Soc Medals

No. of Enclosures,



BIGGS HOUSE

PRENDERGAST & JENNINGS,
PROPRIETORS

Portsmouth, Ohio July 22 1874
Jas Pollock Esq
Director U.S. Mint
Phila Pa

Dr Sir

Enclosed find \$8 on New York
for seven dolls for which please
send two Silver Proof sets (including
small) of 1874 Coin by Adams
Express and oblige - I neglected
ordering Trade dollar and New style
of 1873 set - Can they be had
yet at the mint - Please reply
and oblige -

Respy yrs

J. H. Townes

Address Care W. H. Telegraph Co
or P. O. Box 202
Portsmouth Ohio -

T. H. Towns
Portsmouth
Ohio

Jan'y 22/74

BRUCE'S
CORPUS

RECEIVED
JAN 24 1874

LIBRARY

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

January 22, 1874.

Wm James Ballock,
Supt US Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of the 15th inst, I have to request that you inform me if the Warrant for wages of workmen on minor coinage rolls for month of November has been found, and if so to return the same to me.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
Jan 22/74

Referring to his letter
of Jan 13th Enquires
if Sept's warrant for $12,311.⁸⁰$
minor Coinage rolls for
November, was included
in the minor Coinage
metal purchase of's
returned Jan 14/74

Recd Jan 23/74

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All Official Letters to the Department proper must be addressed to the "Secretary of the Treasury," and in replying to Letters from the Department the initials on the upper left-hand corner should be referred to.

Treasury Department,

RE Washington, D. C., January 9th, 1874.

Sir

I have this day directed the U.S. Apt. Treasurer at Baltimore Md. to forward to you for receipt all light gold coins in his office. After its receipt you will please forward the proceeds to the U.S. Apt. Treasurer at New York City advising him as usual that they are the proceeds of receipt of light gold coins from the office of the Apt. Treasurer at Balto. You will retain a proper record of the transaction so that it may be embodied in the statements to be hereafter rendered by you.

In this connection permit me again to call your attention to the receipt as yet of the statements showing the receipt &c. of the past

^{year}
fiscal, already twice called for.

Very Respectfully
W. A. Woodward
Secretary

Hon. J. Puller

Sup't. of U. S. Mint

Phila. Pa.

Secretary Treasury
(Richardson)
Jan'y 9/74

Asst Treas. U.S. at
Baltimore will for-
ward all his light
gold coins to the mint
for recoinage - To be
deposited with the
Asst Treas U.S. at
New York.

Recd Jan'y 10/74

BENZIGER BROTHERS,
PUBLISHERS

OF

Rightmyer's Penmanship,
Knopp's Penmanship,
Knopp's German Penmanship.

No. 9 DEY STREET.

New-York,
L. B. 4849.

Jan 10th 1874

U. S. Mint Philadelphia Pa.

Gentlemen,

Please to make for us
12 Medal of Sacred Heart on one
side & St. Altagene on the other
(the small Sacred Heart medal)
in Gold; however please to
make them considerably thinner
than those you made for us
in silver some time ago.

Yours very respectfully

Benziger Brothers

Sent Jan 16/74

Will Remove to 311 Broadway,
about 15th April.

Order

Bennett Brothers

New York

Jan'y 10. 1874

for

12 Gode's Sacred Heart

Medals

W. L. D.

Int

1874

United States Assay Office,

New York,

January 12 1874

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of
Fourteen thousand (\$14,000) dollars in Dimes, on $\frac{1}{2}$ of
Invoice No 68. and Twenty thousand (\$20,000) dollars
in Half dollars, on $\frac{1}{2}$ of Invoice No 85.

Very respectfully

Hon James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia Pa.

Thos B. Acton
Supt.

Conced
1/13/74

✓

W. 2877. V. 1. 1874.

New York

Jan'y 12. 1874.

Assay Office U.S.

ACK-Receipt \$14.000
and Divides on a/c due,
No 68 & \$20,000 in
1/2 Dollars on a/c due
No 85.

Rec'd Jan'y 13th 1874.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Jan 12. 1877 ^{2/1}

Hon James Pollock,

Supt. U. S. Mint, Philadelphia,

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 8th inst in reference to the sum of \$50,000 currency transferred to you to create a "Minor Coinage Metal Fund" You are respectfully informed that this sum stands upon the same footing as the "Bullion Fund" and is to be kept intact, not by a transfer from the profits on the Minor Coinage but by refunding the actual cost of the Metals purchased. The 29th section of the Coinage act 1873 does not make an appropriation but simply authorizes a transfer of funds to facilitate the payment for metals purchased for the Minor Coinage just the same as the "bullion fund" is to facilitate the payment of gold

and Silver deposits.

Very Respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
Jan'y 12/74

Mode of Keeping up
the minor Coinage =
metal & purchase
fund of \$50,000.

Rec'd Jan'y 13/74

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

January 13, 1874.

Hon James Pollock
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

There appears to be some discrepancies in the bullion accounts, arising no doubt from the several recoinages of both gold and silver at the mint. I have to request that you will send Mr Fourpenthwait, your book keeper, here for a conference with the accounting officers of the Treasury. I suggested this plan

as

as being more likely to insure
a speedy adjustment than
by correspondence. If you
can spare (Mr Lowperthwaite
let him come) down the
last of the present week.

His necessary expenses
will be paid for from
the Contingent Expenses of
the mint.

It is our intention to
obtain an appropriation
to pay losses in any re-
coinages in order to avoid
a complication of the mint
accounts.

Very respectfully,
H. B. R. R. R.
Director.

Director of the Mint
Jan 13/74

Wants the Book Keeper
Mr. Joseph L. Davis
to come to Washington
to confer with the ac-
counting officers
of the Government
about discrepancies
in the Bullion &c's

Recd Jan 14/74

Bureau of Ordnance,

NAVY DEPARTMENT,

Washington City,

13 Jan. , 1874.

Hon. James Pollock
Director.

U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

The Bureau has directed 26 silver discs that have been subjected to pressures, to be sent you from the Naval Experimental Battery - Annapolis Md with which you will credit this Bureau; and please return a like number to this Bureau together with the four (4) remaining due on its order of — 13 Sept. 1872.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

William A. Lefert.

Chief of Bureau.

Wm N. Jeffers
Chief Bureau of Ordnance
Navy Department
Washington D.C.
January 13/74

Returns 26 silver discs
and wants 30 new ones.

[men. of the age En-
closed herewith.]

Recd Jan 14/74

U.S. Mint at Philadelphia.

January 29th 1874

Hon. Jas Pollock, Supt.

To Melted & Refined.

To 30 Fine Silver Discs weighing 173.97 oz. @ 999 $\frac{1}{2}$ fine

" $\frac{1}{1000}$ Wastage .40,

174.67 oz

Swiss 30 discs @ \$1.40 per oz.
Pr. 30 discs @ \$1.25 each, also

= \$244.54

By ^{26 returned} ~~spoiled~~ discs ~~returned~~

151.69 oz.

@ \$1.40 per oz.

212.37

\$32.17

Mr. James reports that the cost of the mechanical operations on the discs is much greater than has been heretofore estimated.

N.B. Boyd for M & R

Jan. 30th. 1874.

To turning ³⁰ Silver Disks for.
Ordinance Deph.

To use of Sath & Labor. for
8 days at. \$5 per day \$40.00

For labor only for 8 days. \$33.00

price of single Disk
at. first statement. \$1.33 $\frac{1}{3}$

price of single Disk
at second statement \$1.10

Sam Jones
foreman
Machine Shop.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, ~~Feb~~ ^{Feb} ~~29th~~ ²¹ 1874

Bureau of Ordnance of the Navy
Department, Washington. D.C.

To the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Dr.

For 30 Silver discs, weighing 173.97. ozs 999½ fine

$\frac{4}{1000}$ Wastage — .70 " 174.67. ozs

at $\$1 \frac{40}{100}$ (Silver) pr oz \$244.54

To turning 30 discs @ $1 \frac{25}{100}$ each (time, labor &c) 37.50

Total payable in Silver Coin — \$282.04

By

~~Recd Payment~~

By 26 discs returned, 29 Jan'y 1874,

from Annapolis, Md, 157.69 ozs $\frac{4}{1000}$ fine ~~Supd U. S. Mint~~ \$1.40 pr oz \$212.37

Balance due, payable in ^{unworn} ~~fine~~ Silver Coin

Receipt payment

\$69.67

Supd U. S. Mint

Mr. Pollock
United States Assay Office,

New York,

Jan^y 10th 1874

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Twenty thousand (20,000) dollars in Dimes, on $\frac{1}{2}$ of Invoice No 68, and Eighteen thousand (18,000) Trade Dollars, said to be on $\frac{1}{2}$ of Invoice No 91.

As the number of Trade dollars exceeds the entire amount of our Invoice, I await your memorandum before adjusting.

Please remit Dimes as rapidly as possible - Stock entirely gone.

I will thank you for memorandum corresponding with Invoice No 79.

Very respectfully

Hon James Pollock

Supt U. S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa.

Thos B. Netter
Supt.

A. 2876, V. 1. 1874,

New York

Jan'y 10th 1874,

Assay Office U.S.

Ack-Recpt \$20,000
in Dennis on a/c Ino No 68
D \$18,000 V.D. Said to
be on a/c Ino No 91

J. C. J. C.

Rec'd Jan'y 12th 1874.

U. S. Assistant Treasurer's Office,

Baltimore, Md.,

Jan. 12th, 1874.

Sir:

In compliance with instructions from the Secretary of the Treasury, under date of Jan. 9th 1874. I have this day sent you per Adams Express Co. as a transfer of Funds, One hundred and twenty four thousand, two hundred and eighty six ⁵²/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$124,286.⁵²/₁₀₀) Light coin.

Very Respectfully,
Thos H Leary
Actg. Asst. U. S. Treasurer.

Hon. George Cyeter,

Treasurer U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia,

Pa.

Peter Negley,
U. S. Ass't Treasurer.

Baltimore, Md.,

Jan. 12, 1874

Relating to One hundred
and twenty four thousand,
two hundred and eighty
Six $50/100$ Dollars, Light
Gold,

Rec'd Jan'y 13. 1874

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

January 9, 1874.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U S Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your letter dated January 8th,
and enclosed order to the Assayer
in relation to the duties of the
curator and his assistants,
has been received, as has
the catalogue of coins and
specimens by express.

The order as to the duties
of the employes having the
custody of the cabinet has
my approval. I deem it
highly necessary that it
should

should be properly enforced.

Very respectfully,

H Rodmanman

Director.

Director of the Mint
July 9/74

Has rec'd Catalogue
of Mint Cabinet.
Rules for the gov-
-ernment of the Curators
~~should~~ it are approved
and should be enforced.

Rec'd July 10/74

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

January 9, 1874.

Hon James Pollock
Supt US Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your letter of the 8th inst.,
explaining the absence from the
pay rolls of certain employes of your
mint, has been received and is
satisfactory. In the future you
will please explain all such
absences in the letter transmitting
the accounts.

Very respectfully,
H. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
Jan 9/74

Absentees from the
pay rolls must
be reported when
the accounts are
forwarded.

Recd Jan 10/74

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1874/JANUARY (CONT.)

UNIVERSITY MICROFILMS
SERIALS ACQUISITION
300 N ZEEB RD
ANN ARBOR MI 48106-1500

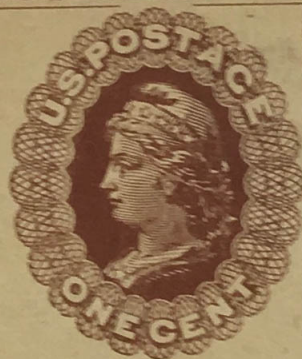
U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1874/FEBRUARY

L. W. Hall

Boston
Mass

July 28/74

United States
POSTAL CARD



THE ADDRESS ONLY ON THIS SIDE-THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

James Pollock Esq

U. S. Mint

Philadelphia Pa

Will you be so kind
As to inform me if
you have raised your
Prices on your 1874
Proof Setts Silver
I heard you charged
4 for sett and let me
know what you charge
For Nickel Setts
have you any of the
Proof Dollar of
1873 struck before the
Trade Dollar was struck
And if so what do you
charge

yours

E. M. Hall

No 19 Gough St
Boston

Mass

answered }
Feb 28 / 74 }

Office of

J. L. HASKELL & Co.

Machinists,

736 STATE STREET,

Chicago, Feb 28th

1874

Director U.S. Mint

Sir

I am sending the ^{mint} small parcels of alloy-Gold-principally & wish to make it as pure as possible -

I have considerable gold perhaps \$200,00 alloyed with two or three pounds of Bismuth. Can you give me the most expeditious and cheapest process of separating the same and save both Metals. Can it be done by distillation & if so what apparatus is the best and how operated. I am asking of your office more than ~~is~~ I have a right to expect but I shall be benefited and you not the loser, by the information.

Please inform me also what work on assaying is the best & Oblige Yours Respectfully
Lehard. Colburn.
736 State St. Chicago Ill.

The only minute work on the Assay of Gold
& Silver, is by Chaudet (French); but it is of
little use to a learner unless he takes
lessons from a practical Teacher.

Send and follow.

Chicago, Ill.

734 28/74

Wanted to know
how to separate
Gold & Silver
a few bottles
Mutah.

Recd Nov 4/74

J. I. HUSKETT & Co.

W.B.

Treasury Department.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

February, 28, 1874.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supr. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the sum of One Hundred and thirty-five dollars and Sixty Cents (\$135.⁶⁰/₁₀₀), has been charged against the Appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint, 1874, on account of Mileage ^{and} Expenses of J. F. I. Schirmer, Esq.

You will please see that the proper entry is made on your books.

Very respectfully,
H. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
Feb 28, 1874.

\$135.⁶⁹/₁₀₀ charged
against Contingent approp^y of
the Mint & Mint for 73-74
as app^y of mileage and
expenses of J. R. L.
Schinner, Jr.

Recd Feb 2/74

Int 2910

United States Assay Office,

New York, Feb 28th 1874

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Twenty two thousand (22,000) Trade dollar pieces, which I have credited as follows, viz:

On 1/2 of Invoice No 8 4,475 T.D. pieces

" " " " " 9 9,328 " "

" " " " " 10 8,197 " "

having a balance due in Silver Coin of 32[¢] on Invoice No 8, and .44[¢] on Invoice No 9, which I will thank you to forward to this Office in the first shipment.

I enclose Assay memorandum of Invoice No 9, which I will thank you to fill up and sign, and to return to this Office.

Hon Jas. Pollock

Supt. U.S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa

Very respectfully

L. H. Adams
Supt.

Concep 3 1/2

gross

U-2910-V-1-1874.

New York

Feb 28, 1874

Assay Office U.S.

ack - Recept 22000
50 pieces on a/c Invoices
8.9 + 10

V C 8 C

Recd March 2, 1874.

Mint of the United States,

CHIEF COINER'S DEPARTMENT.

Philadelphia, February 28th 1874.

Hon. James Pollock
Superintendent.

Sir;

In reply to the letter of the Director, of the 27th inst, addressed to you, and by you referred to me, I have the honor to state, that upon January 2^d 1874, I sent you a Certificate showing the destruction by sledge and fire of Seven hundred and Seventy one (771) Obverse and Reverse dies of 1873, and the retention by the Coiner of fifty-five (55) Reverse dies for use during the present year.

As the 51st Section of the "Coinage Act of 1873" is silent respecting a report of the denomination of the dies destroyed, no notice was taken thereof in the Certificate referred to.

Fortunately the record was preserved, and I herewith present a detailed Statement of the dies destroyed, showing the number of ~~each~~ denomination destroyed, and the number and denomination

of those retained to wit:-

Denomination.	Number destroyed.		Number retained.	
	Obverse.	Reverse.	Obverse.	Reverse.
Double Eagles	18	17	None.	1
Eagles	1	1		-
Half Eagles	3	7		2
Three Dollars	2	3		-
Quarter Eagles	6	5		3
Dollars (Gold)	6	7		-
Dollars (Silver)	8	9		-
Half Dollars	23	15		-
Quarter Dollars	16	12		2
Dimes	52	31		12
Half Dimes	15	15		-
Three Cents (Silver)	3	3		-
Five Cents (Nickel)	201	78		15
Three Cents (")	21	23		4
Two Cents (Bronze)	1	10		-
One Cent (")	72	87		16
Total	1118	323		55

I have the honor to remain

Very Respectfully

Your Obt. Servant

Borden Hurdley

Comin.

A. Linden Sweden &
Cousin
Feb 28/74

Reporting the number
and denomination of
obverse and reverse
working dies of 1873
that were destroyed
under the 51st Section
of the Coinage Act of
1873 - also the no.
& denomination of
reverse dies that were
retained.

Rec Feb 28/74

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2909

United States Assay Office,

New York, *July 27th* 1874

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Ten thousand (10.000) Trade dollar pieces on $\frac{1}{2}$ of Invoice No 8. and Six thousand (6.000) on $\frac{1}{2}$ of Invoice No 9.

OK
In your letter of 26th inst. you state that you have forwarded 22.000 Trade dollars in payment as follows, viz: Balance of Invoice No 7 \$4.475.32

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" " " " 8 9.328.411

On $\frac{1}{2}$ " " " 9 8.196.24

According to our books it should be balance of Invoices No 8 + 9 and on $\frac{1}{2}$ of No 10. I would thank you hereafter to remit Invoices in full, or close each Invoice by remitting the amount of Silver Coin properly belonging to it. Please forward Assay Memorandums of Invoice No 9 + 10

at your earliest convenience

Wm L. Pollock

Supt. U.S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa

Very respectfully

John G. Stearns
Supt.

A-2909-V-1-18/4.

New York

Feb'y 27, 1874

Assay Office U.S.

ack-Recpt 10,000 \$.

all pieces on file Ino 708

& 6000 on file Ino 709,

&c, &c, &c

Recd Feb'y 28, 1874.

77 William St.
New York Feb 27/44

Dr. C. M. Wilkins

U. S. Mint Cabinet.

Philadelphia.

Dear Sir. Referring to the printed list, which you gave me a few days ago, when in Philadelphia, I shall feel obliged by your sending to me at my address No. 77 William St. New York, the following medals -

- | | |
|---|------|
| No. 4. ✓ John Edgar Howard, for Compend. | 1.50 |
| , 5. ✓ Col. Wm Washington, for Compend. | 1.50 |
| , 6. ✓ Col. Geo. Groghan for Sandusky | 1.50 |
| , 8. ✓ Gov. Isaac Shelby, for the Thames. | 1.50 |
| , 12. ✓ Maj. Gen Brown, for Chippewa & C. | 1.50 |
| , 13. ✓ Brig. Gen. Miller | 1.50 |
| , 14. ✓ Brig. Gen Riple | 1.50 |
| , 15. ✓ Maj. Gen. Macomb | 1.50 |
| , 44. ✓ Japanese Embassy - | 1.00 |
| , 56. ✓ Willard Fillmore - Presidential | 1.50 |
| , 57. ✓ Franklin Pierce. | 1.50 |

No, 60. Andrew Johnson - Presidential 2 00
no 61. U. S. Grant. — do —

I shall probably want some
others, but before deciding which, will
have to go carefully over my collection
to ascertain which I want.

Please send by Express. C. O. D.

Yours Respy

L. Bayard Smith

L. Bayard Smith Esq
No 77 WilliamsSt
New York

Feb'y 27/74

Medals

Sent March 12th/74

Order for Medals
to be sent
C.O.D.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

February 27, 1874.

Hon James Pollock,
Suprsmint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Inviting your attention to section 51 of the Coinage Act of 1873, I have to request that you forward to this office a statement showing the number and denominations of the obverse working dies destroyed at your mint at the end of the calendar year - 1873.

Very respectfully,
H B Underman
Director.

Director of the Mint
Feb 27/74

Wants statement
of the number and
denomination of
obverse dies destroyed
at the end of the
Calendar year
1873.

Recd Feb 28/74

Circular

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

February 27, 1874.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt of mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Section 50 of the Coinage Act requires that the Troy weights ordinarily employed in the transactions of the Mints and Assay offices shall be regulated according to the prescribed standards at least once in every year, under the inspection of the Superintendent and Assayer.

Superintendents and Assayers of Mints and Assay offices will at the close of the month of March next comply with the provisions of the
above

above section, and send a certificate of the result of the examination to the Director of the Mint.

Hereafter, the inspection and regulation of the Weights as prescribed in the section of law above referred to will be made at each Mint and Assay-office at the close of the months of June and December in each year, and the result certified to the Director.

In the case of assay offices where the Assayer has charge of the office, the Metter will act with the former in testing the Weights.

The weights having been tested at the Philadelphia Mint by the recent Assay Commission, the
Examination

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examination prescribed for the
close of March will not apply
to that mint.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Lumsden

Director

Directr of the Mint
Feb 27/74

(Circular)

Requiring an Ex-
amination & report
by the Supt & Assayer,
at the Close of June
and December in
each year, of the roy
weights in ordinary
use in the Mint.

Recd Feb 28/74

Mint of the United States,

CHIEF COINER'S DEPARTMENT.

Philadelphia, February 27th 1874.

Hon James Pollock,
Superintendent.

Sir;

In answer to the letter of Asst Treasurer Hillhouse, transmitted to you through the Honorable Secretary of the Treasury, I have to state that the coins from the Assistant Treasurer at St. Louis, which were weighed and separated in this Department, were not examined as to anything else except their compliance with the legal weight.

California Tokens conformed, I presume, to the weight required by law, as well as filled pieces, and were passed by the weighers without being noticed. The work was performed with as much care as could be bestowed upon it, and I am satisfied as to the accuracy of the balances employed, and the skill of those employed to do the work. The Eight thousand four hundred and seventy dollars (\$8470), said to be below the legal weight, must have been rejected pieces afterwards mixed with those of a legal weight by

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accident. They were separated in this department and sent to the weigh room, where they were weighed in bulk to ascertain whether the amount returned, tallied with the amount originally delivered to me.

It is possible that in reweighing a box of condemned pieces were thrown in with those of the legal standard weight. This is the only way I can account for it, provided there could have been no error arising from want of adjustment in the balances employed in the United States Sub-Treasury in New York.

As to the sixteen thousand nine hundred and ten Dollars (\$16,910), said to be of "exact legal weight," I have to say, that being of "exact legal weight," there would appear to be no just or legal ground for rejecting them.

If the pieces said to ^{be} below standard are returned to this office, I shall take great pleasure in having them retested.

Counterfeit and spoiled pieces thrown out in the original examination, were found to be light, and upon my examining them, I discovered their character, but as I remarked before, there was no special search made for Counterfeits or pieces coined outside of the regular

(3)

Minting establishments of the United States. All I was asked to do was to separate those that were within, from those that were without, the legal weight.

I am

Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

London Monday

J. C. Cowen.

A. Landon Snowden
Coins
Feb 27/74

Explains the man-
ner in which the
alleged light gold
coins from the West
Mex US at St. Louis
forwarded to N.Y.
without recoining—
were weighed.

Recd Feb 27/74

Treasury Department.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

February 27, 1874.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt of Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith are returned duplicate bills of W. G. Torrey, for his expenses while attending the Assay Commission lately held in Philadelphia. You will please pay the amount (\$25⁰⁰) from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your mint, 1874, taking the same up in your accounts for the current month.

Very respectfully,
H Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
Feb 27/74

Approving bill of 25.
Expenses of H. G. Jones
Assay Commission.

Recd Mar 2/74

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

February 26 1874.

Hon James Pollock,
Supr US Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir: I have to request that you
cause to be prepared and for-
warded to the mint at San Fran-
cisco as early as is practicable

the following dies:

12 Obverse Trade Dollar
6 Reverse " "
6 Obverse Half Dollar
6 Reverse " "
2 Obverse Quarter Dollar
2 Reverse " "
6 Obverse Double Eagle
10 Reverse " " (over)

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director

Director of the Mint
Feb 26/74

Orders 50 dies
for the Mint at
San Francisco

Recd Feb 27/74

Hartford Feb 24th /74

Superintendent. U. S. Mint.

Dear Sir.

Will you please inform
me how much you ^{would} charge
for (6) six small proof
sets 1874 ~~sets~~ the postage
I suppose I pay do they
come at the rate of ~~merchandise~~
merchandise or, at letter
rate, how much would
the postage be for the sets.

add Yours respectfully
J. C. Hills. J. C. Hills.
32. Pratt St. Hartford Conn.

J. C. Hills
Hartford
Conn

Feb. 24/94

Office of

Newcomb, Endicott & Co.,

Detroit, Mich., Feb 21 1874

Mr James Pollock.

Dear sir —

On opening my package of proof coins for 1874 last evening — I find them short the Silver 5c ps the Silver 3c ps and the Copper 2c ps — please inform me whether there are not coined this year or whether they were accidentally omitted. Enclose envelope in which they were recd —

Yours truly
H. Endicott

Chas. Endicott
Detroit
Mich

Feb 21/74

GUSTAVUS BALSER,
Apothecary &

Manufacturer of Standard Pharmaceutical Preparations,

137 Ave. B, bet. 8th & 9th Sts.

New York, Feby. 21st 1874

Mr. Lindermann

Dear Sir

I sent a letter last Monday
containing Five dolls. to pay
for Set of (Proof) of Silver
coin 1874 and 1 Proof Trade
dollar, and have as yet not
heard from you, please let
me know whether you have
received it, I suspect it is
lost or stolen. & Oblige

Yours Respectfully
G. Balseu
Per E.

G. Balser
New York

Feb'y 21/74

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

February 26 1874.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt Usmint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

In view of the demand for trade dollars at New York, and there being an ample supply of half and quarter dollars at that point, the coinage of the two last named denominations will be temporarily intermitted, or in other words, you will limit the manufacture of half and quarter dollars to the amount which may be required to meet deposits for the

the same other than those of
the New York assay office.

Very respectfully,
H. Lindemann
Director.

Directors of the Mint
Feb 26/74

The coinage of
silver Dollars and
Quarters limited
for the present to
the demands of
current depositories
other than the N.Y.
Assay Office.

Rec^d Feb. 27/74

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Feb 26 1874

Superintendent
Mint

Sir

Please have struck, at once,

10 Gold Signet Medals and

10 Silver do do "

Respectfully
J. M. Bunn

Jas M. Bunn
Philau

Feb'y 26/74

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Feby 26 1874

Superintendent
Mills

Sir

Please have struck
as soon as convenient,

10 Gold Signet Medals

10 Silver do do

Respectfully
Jas M Bump

Las M. Bunn
Phila

July 26/74

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Feb^y 26 1874

Mr Geo. Pollard
Sir:

Will you please strike
One Gold Medall from the Dies of the College of
Pharmacy, to be of the same weight and cost, as
those previously made here.

Respectfully Yours
Wm Barber

Wm Barber
Philad^a

Feb 26/74

Mr Geo. Folger

new acts. To the importers and brokers of this and other large cities the new statutory provisions are of the first importance. Of most interest is the fourteenth section of the new law, which reads as follows:

Section 14. That the gold coins of the United States shall be a one-dollar piece, which at the standard weight of 25 8-10 grains, shall be the unit of value; a quarter-eagle, or two-and-a-half-dollar piece, a three-dollar piece, a half-eagle, or five-dollar piece, an eagle, or ten-dollar piece, and a double eagle, or twenty-dollar piece. And the standard weight of the gold dollar shall be 25 8-10 grains; of the quarter-eagle, or two-and-a-half-dollar piece, 64 1/2 grains; of the three-dollar piece, 77 4-10 grains; of the half-eagle, or ten-dollar piece, 258 grains; of the double-eagle, or twenty-dollar piece, 516 grains; which coins shall be a legal tender in all payments at their nominal value when not below the standard weight and limit of tolerance provided in this act for the single piece; and when reduced in weight below said standard and tolerance shall be a legal tender at valuation in proportion to their actual weight. And any gold coin of the United States, if reduced in weight by natural abrasion not more than one-half of one cent. below the standard weight prescribed by law after a circulation of twenty years, as shown by its date of coinage, and at a ratable proportion for any period less than twenty years, shall be received at their nominal value by the United States Treasury and its officers, under such regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe for the protection of the government against fraudulent abrasion or other practices. And any gold coins in the Treasury of the United States reduced in weight below this limit of abrasion shall be recoined.

Chief Director of the Mint Linderman, who enters upon his official duties to-day, has also prepared a circular for the guidance of public officers and others, showing the standard and least current legal weight of all gold coins of the United States, in single pieces and quantities of one hundred, five hundred, one and five thousand dollars, with due reference to the date of coinage, which are made legal tender at their nominal value, and which may be received as such.

The section above quoted has been found by Treasury officials to be seriously defective, and a safe construction of these provisions will not permit the indiscriminate receipt by customs officers and others at a valuation in proportion to their weight of coins which fall below the legal weight and tolerance, with due reference to the dates of coinage, and yet such coins are made a legal tender at such a valuation.

All customs officers will be directed to receive them, when presented in payment of public dues, giving only a conditional receipt therefor, showing their nominal and estimated value in the aggregate; and after registering the amount in a book to be kept for that purpose, forwarding it to the United States Mint at Philadelphia or San Francisco, whichever is most convenient, with a statement to the person from whom and on what account the coin was received. Upon their receipt the superintendent of the Mint will at once ascertain their true value, and deposit from the bullion fund of their offices with the United States Assistant Treasurers in New York or San Francisco, in the name of the officer forwarding the coin, and on account of the proper source, an amount equal to such value of coins of legal weight, forwarding the entire sets of certificates of deposit to be issued by the Assistant Treasurers in duplicate to the customs official by whom the gold was forwarded. The depreciated coin will take the place in the bullion fund of that deposited and to be recoined at the earliest practicable moment. Upon receipt of the certificates of deposit the original will be

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No. 2

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Feb. 26th, 1874.

Sir

I will thank you to inform me how many blanks for each of the respective denominations of Gold Coin, and Trade Dollars, can be adjusted by a female adjuster per day, and what number of the present force are employed as Adjusters.

Respectfully
H. A. Ruderman

Director

Hon. James Pollock

Supt. Mint U.S.

Philad^a

Director of the Mint
Feb 26/74

Wants to know
how many blanks
for gold coins and
trade dollars can
be adjusted in a
day by one adjuster.

Rec^d Feb 28/74

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Feb. 26th, 1874.

Sir

I send you herewith for assay,
one Tripolitan Greek, also a Half
Greek, which you will please cause
to be assayed, and the result reported
to me.

As the dispatch from the
U. S. Consulate at Tripoli of Barbary,
contains some curious as well as
interesting information relative to the
money of that country. I send a copy
herewith, which please afford the
Assayer an opportunity to examine.

Very respectfully

Hon. James F. Wallack
Supt. Mint U.S.

H. Linderman
Director

Director of the Mint
Feb 26/74

Howards for assay
1 - Hipolitan Garish, &
1/2 Garish, & encloses
copy of consular des-
patches.

Recd Feb 27/74

Copy.

{ Dispatch No. 1
Inclosure No. 1 }

Imperialian Coins
Piastres del Goba, and halfpiastres of the same.

Two Imperialian Girsks
Supposed to be worth
\$0.10 Each

Two Imperialian half
Girsks, supposed to be
worth \$0.05 Each.

copy
(No 1)

United States Consulate
at Tripoli of Barbary -
December 19th 1873

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint -
Treasury Department Washington D.C.

Sir.

In order to comply with your Circular of April 5th requesting me to transmit information in reference to the monetary system of this Regency, I have endeavored, but always in vain, to make a collection of the various silver or gold coins, issued in former times from the Tripolitan Mint. Seeing, there is a poor prospect for me to do better in the future, I will not post-pone any longer communicating to you the meagre information I gathered on that subject.

In the first place, no law, no regulation was ever made, in this country in regard to the tolerance, the coins reduced by abrasion, the recoinage of coins, reduced in weight, &c. For that reason, I can give no answer to your questions No 5, 6, 7 & 8, and here, is what I can say, relating to the first four inquiries of your Circular.

The unit of the money of account in the Regency of Tripoli is the qirsch.

There are 100 Tripolitan paras in a qirsch, and 8 qirschs in one Tripolitan Mahboob.

The system of bookkeeping in this Regency, is as you can see, a hybrid, partly recalling to mind the Spanish real, eight of which used to make a peso, and partly borrowed from the decimal system of the United States and France.

The merchants of the place have three columns in their account books, the same as the British people. The first-column is for the Mahboobs, the middle one for the qirschs, and the last one for the paras. During a residence of three years in the country, I could never find a coin representing a Mahboob or a para, and came, in consequence, to the conclusion, that those were only nominal coins, which for a very long time at least, had not been issued from the Mint.

In 1835, the Turks made an armed irruption in the Regency, sent the ruling Pasha to Constantinople where he soon died, and they have ever since occupied the country, but in the light of intruders.

With the exception of the Turkish troops, and a dozen or so of high functionaries,

the population are Arabic and speak nothing but the Arabic language.

(No 1) United States Consulate at
Tripoli of Barbary-
M^r M^e Vidal to the Mint-

Subject- Tripolitan monetary System.

Abstract of Contents

The Ottoman possessors of the Regency have not by law enforced the adoption of their monetary system, in this country, but have gradually withdrawn from circulation the Tripolitan coins. Scarcity of the latter. They are replaced by coins from all countries, which are adopted without either a fixed value or a relative value, as compared the one with the others. Value of the pillar Spanish dollar in Tripoli. Accepted value of the American dollar. Specimens of Tripolitan coins.

Their Mint was closed 38 years ago, but still, all of them, the Magistrates not excepted, continue to adhere to their national monetary system.

It is, for the present, the policy adop-

ted by the U. S. Government, to look upon the Regency, with which we had treaties, and on whose shores our Navy gathered their first laurels, since the adoption of the Federal Constitution, - as an independent State, which is for the time being in the power of the Sultan of Constantinople. For that very reason, and following the custom of my predecessors in this Consulate, I have in common with the whole population of the place, kept my books, and settled my accounts, according to the ancient Tripolitan system, and have ignored that of the Turks.

But on their own side, the Ottomans have perseveringly warred against the Regency coins. All those they could lay their hands on, were withdrawn from circulation, and sent to Constantinople, to come back no more. As a consequence those coins have in the course of time become very scarce, and the people were compelled to adopt in their commercial transactions, all sorts of silver and gold coins. Tunisian, Italian, French, British and Ottoman. But the ruling power has now abolished the old system, nor enforced by law, the adoption of its own.

The value of foreign coins often fluctuates.

-tuates in Tripoli, according to the require-
-ments of the caravans, preparing for their
journey to Soudan, or the demands of the
Sheiks and Pashas collecting their taxes
for the Treasury at Constantinople. For in-
-stance, sometimes, the British pound will
be worth six Mahboobs, and a half; and at
other times, five Mahboobs, six girschs and
eighty paras only. The U. S. and Mexican
dollars never come so far as this country, but
the Spanish colón dollar passes in this
present times, for nine girschs and eighty
paras (980 paras). Were that Spanish
pillar peso, really equal to our dollar,
one of our dimes would be worth 98 paras.
However, all the American consuls here, the
first one of whom came, if I mistake not
about eighty years ago, have counted the
U. S. cent for 10 paras, instead of 9 8/10,
therefore ten girschs or 1000 paras make a
dollar. Using the generic Eastern, — and better
known — name of piastre, four of our cents
are then worth a Tripolitan piastre of
40 paras. As the Archives of this Consulate
do not include any Register, dating farther
back than 1832, I cannot say whether
that rule was prescribed by the State De-
partment — or made by the Consuls themselves.
After much inquiry, I met

with an Arab Jew who forty years ago, was connected with the Tripolitan Mint. He very obligingly gave me the list of all the different coins issued from that establishment under the old Pasha, Toussef Caramandi, such as, gold sequins, sherifs, and Mahbobs Bickalea, and silver Piastres, Adchias, and Benjin-edins. But as none of those coins, save the gisch called Piastra del Goeba, could be found, either in Tripoli, or in the other places of the Regency, where I made diligent inquiry by letters, I don't think it is at all necessary to transmit any kind of information, in regard to the title and value of those coins. Besides, there never was in the Barbary States, such a thing as standard value of any coin. It is pretty much the same as in Soudan, where they use as money, very small shells called codéas, the relative value of which changes, according to the caprice, or rather wants, of the reigning Potentate. Sometimes, a Bashaw, would give his coin a value much above its title, and at other times, he would reduce the title of a coin much below its fixed value.

The Piastra del Goeba, the only Tripolitan gisch, yet to be found in large quantities, in this country, contains $\frac{1}{3}$ of silver,

and $\frac{2}{3}$ of base metal. I send you, as specimens herewith enclosed, two of these gischs, with two half gischs, worth fifty paras each. One of each denomination may be analysed, and the other ones kept in your collection.

I am Sir with distinguished consideration
Your obedient servant

(Signed) M. Vidal

U. S. Consul -

Inclosure Specimens of Tripolitan Coins -

Piastres del Goba and half piastres of the same.

Two Tripolitan gischs supposed to be worth \$0.10 each.

Two Tripolitan half gischs supposed to be worth \$0.05 each.

Dr.

Estimate

Cr.

Balance of Wages
on hand Feby 1st '74 \$ 37.000 -

Funds in transit for
March 1874 22.000

Balance available for
April May & June 30.234 32

Needed at the least \$ 18.265 68
\$ 107.500 -

Balance of Incidentals
on hand Feby 27.74 \$ 4.000

In transit for March 5.000

Available for April May
& June 25.000

\$ 34.000 -

Wages payable in
February '74 \$ 19.500

Payable for March
April May & June
4 Mos. @ \$ 22.000 -
per month 88.000

\$ 107.500

Average Incidental
Expenses for 4 Months,
March April May &
June say \$ 5.800 \$ 23.200

Excess 10.800

\$ 34.000

W. J. S.
Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Feb. 26, 1874.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In your deficiency estimates for the current fiscal year, you stated that there would be required an appropriation of \$75,000 for Wages of Workmen, and \$8,000 for Contingent Expenses.

After deducting your Requisition for the month of March, there will remain to the Credit of your Appropriations \$30,233.³² on account of Wages, and \$25,033.⁷³ on account of Contingent Expenses.

The amount available for Wages

will, it appears, be more than sufficient for the month of April, leaving only May^{and} June to provide for.

It also appears that the amount of the Contingent Appropriation undrawn will be sufficient for the expenses of your institution during the months of April, May^{and} June.

If I am correct in these conclusions, you will please send revised Estimates, in order that we may not ask for more than will be needed.

Very respectfully,
J. Ruderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
Feb 26/74

Wants revised
Estimates for de-
fraying apprs.

Recd Feb 27/74

Richard Gordon, President.

~~Geo. D. Fiske~~ Cashier.
F. H. GIFFORD,

Fall River National Bank
Fall River, Mass. Feb 25th 1874

James Pollock
Sup^t U. S. Mint

Dear Sir:

Can you
inform me when the coin ordered
Jan. 2^d will be sent.

Respectfully Yours

F. H. Gifford Cashier

Ans Feb 24/74

Fall River Works
Fall River
Mass
Feb 25/74

Inquiry after mine
coins

Port Allegany
McKean, C. O. P. A.
Feb 25/74

I This day Recd my
Express Package
without charges
all correct.
accept my Thanks

Yours Res^t—
John Fork

John Ford
Post Alleghany
Pa
Feb 25/74

Has rec'd mine
coins

W.B.S.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

February 25, 1874.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supr. U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint for the month of March, 1874, has been approved for the sum of $30,158.\frac{34}{100}$ from the following Appropriations, viz:

Salaries, 1874, $3,158.\frac{34}{100}$

Wages, 1874, $22,000.00$

Contingent Expenses, 1874, $5,000.00$

Very Respectfully,

A. B. Anderson

Director.

Director of the Mint
Feb 25/74

Registration for March
1874, \$30,158³⁴ recd
and approved

Recd Feb 26/74

Int

2906

United States Assay Office,

New York,

Feb 25th 1874

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Seventeen thousand (\$17,000) dollars in Dimes on $\frac{1}{2}$ of Invoice No 2. and Twenty thousand (\$20,000) Trade Dollar pieces on $\frac{1}{2}$ of Invoice No 9.

Very respectfully

O.R.
W
Hon Jas. Pollock

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa.

Thos. C. Acton
Supt.

✓

A-2908-0-1-1874.

New York

Feb'y 25. 1874.

Assay Office MS

Ack-Recpt \$17,000 in
Dimes on a/c Invoice
No 24 20,000 X 50 pieces
on a/c Inv No 9.

Recd Feb'y 26. 1874.

Imp

2907

United States Assay Office,

New York, *Feb* 24th 1874

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of
Fifteen thousand (15,000) Trade Dollar pieces on *ac*
of Invoice No 9

Very respectfully

Geo H. Eaton
Supt.

Wm S. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

✓

OK

2/25

A-290/-0-1-1874.

New York

Feby 24, 1874

Assay Office U.S.

Ack Recpt 15,000
T. D. pieces on a/c Dno
No 9,

Recd Feby 25, 1874.

UNITED STATES MINT,

Philadelphia, Feb'y 24th 1874

Geo. W. Riddle Treas N. H. Agt. So Manchester N. H.

To THE MEDAL FUND, D^r

Wm. F. Murphy's Sons, Printers & Stationers, 320 Chestnut St., Phila.

To			
38 Silver Medals	575	218	50
1 York Wash Wreath Medal		4	50
		223	00
95 Bronze Medals	150	142	50
		365	50
		210	
		575	00
		67	60

C. O. D.

Received Payment,

JAS. POLLOCK,

clerk

In Gold Coin, \$ 4. 50

In Silver " 218. 50

In U. S. Notes, 142. 50

\$ 365. 50 + Express Charge, both ways

the silver is

add at least 10¢ if paid in currency. &

Per Thos K Bogel

Sup't

Medal Clerk.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, March 18th 1874

Geo. C. Thompson Esq
Agt Adams Express Co
U. S. Mint.

Sir

We this morning
received a check from Geo M Riddle, Treas
N. H. State Agt' Society, in payment for
Medals sent to him through you on the
24th of February.

You will therefore please instruct the
Express Agt as ~~Manchester N. H.~~ to deliver
the Medals to Mr Riddle upon his
payment of the Express charges.

Yours respectfully,
Thos Bogel
for Medal Dept

Delivered
without
Bill
Co of Bill
to me
3/18/74

OFFICE OF THE

ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

531 CHESTNUT STREET.

COLLECTION DEPARTMENT.

All C. O. D's remaining in your office unpaid, for a longer period than FIVE days, must be reported to Shipping Office, giving reason for non-payment, date, shipper's address, &c. IN NO EVENT MUST THIS BE NEGLECTED.

Philadelphia, 3/11 1874
 Agent Manchester
 We sent 3/24 1874 C.O.D. \$ 367 60
 From Medal Fund
 To J. W. Riddle Manchester MA

My not paid

PLEASE REPLY PROMPTLY, upon this sheet, to

Yours Respectfully

J. H. BROOKS.

*Mr Riddle claims some money &
 has written shippers.*

*Yours
 Manchester March 13 1874 -*

A Buntow

Geo W. Riddle

Manchester

N. H.

PLEASE REPLY PROMPTLY, upon this sheet, to

Yours Sincerely,

J. H. HOOKS

COLLECTION DEPARTMENT

231 CHESTNUT STREET

ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY

ORDER OF THE

ALL REMITTANCES TO THE ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY MUST BE MADE BY CHECK OR MONEY ORDER, AND NOT BY CASH. THE ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LOSS OF CASH.

Symour & Co

Feb 28th 1874.

James Pollock, Esq.
Sir

Enclosed please find
M.C. Awt of \$ 8 ⁷⁵/₁₀₀ for
which send me 5
More Trade dollars
by Express

Respectfully
Yours
J. H. Humphreys

175

5

\$ 8, 80

S H Canfield
P. M. Seymour
Conn

Feb 23/74

WILLIAM POILLON

FOOT OF BETHUNE ST.

Salamander Works

New York Feb 24th - 1874

Hon James Pollock.

Supt U & Mint Philadelphia

Dear Sir

On the
17th inst I enclosed you my
ck drawn on the My Natl Exchge
Bank for \$2175/ as follows -

6 Proof Sets @ 357 ea

5 small " @ 15[¢] "

and as yet have heard noth-
ing from you -

Have you re-
ceived it? If not please no-
tify me at once

truly
yours Truly

Wm Poillon

M^r Poillon

New York

Feb 24/74

Tammes Savings Bk
Charlotte
N. C.
Feb 24/74

Inquiry after Mina
coins

Charlotte N.C.

Decy 24/74

Can we get 50. nickel -
\$10. 2 cent - \$10 - 1 cent + \$10, 3
cent pieces?

B. L. Vail

Cashier

Farmer, Danvers B.H.

Mint of the United States.

ENGRAVER'S DEPARTMENT.

Philadelphia, 187

The names on the Medals, are cut
into the dies, themselves, and it would
be necessary, to have new dies, —

The question of cost will depend
upon whom you employ. and the value
such artist may set upon his personal
time. —

Philadelphia

Feb 23rd 74

To the Superintendent

U.S. Mint

Please furnish me

Five Medals of Genl J. R. Gordon

Obliged

C. M. McKim

C M. Wilkins
Feb 23/74

Order for 5 trays
Snowden Medals

Washington and Lee University,

Lexington, Va.

February 23^d. 1874

Hon. Jas. Pollock,

Director U. S. Mint —

Sir :

As the corporate name of this Institution has been changed from "Washington College" to "Washington and Lee University" it is desirable to change the name on the Robinson gold medals, the die of which is in your possession. Will you do me the favor to inform me whether this change can be made, & if so, about what would be the cost of the change? I suppose that as the name is not in the die itself, but is punched in, that it would not be necessary to make a new die — this, however, I know nothing about.

We will want three of these medals by the close of the session in June, also one of the Santini medals — but as there will be ample time to have these struck, I write now only to ascertain whether this change can be effected.

A reply will oblige you

Very respectfully

William Dold, Treasurer

W. & L. U.

Wm. Gold Bros
Lexington
Va

Feb 20/74

Imp 29⁰⁰

United States Assay Office,

New York, July 21 1874

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Eight thousand five hundred and thirty four (8.534) Trade dollar pieces, and .52¹ in Silver coin, balance of Invoice No. 7. and Nine thousand four hundred and sixty six (9.466) Trade dollar pieces on $\frac{1}{2}$ of Invoice No. 8.

23
In reply to the last paragraph in your letter of the 19th inst. I have to say that the order for \$120.813.98 Gold Dollars is in addition to the previous order.

Hon James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa

Very respectfully ✓

Thos. C. Jackson
Supt.

A-2906-U-1-1874.

New York

Feb'y 21. 1874.

Assay Office U.S.

Ack- Recd 8,534. S. & D
pieces & 52 S. & D. bal duo
no 7. & 9,466 S. & D pieces
on a/c duo no 8.

Y C

Recd Feb'y 23^d 1874.

OFFICE OF

U. S. Assistant Treasurer,

New York, July 21, 1874.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th inst., and of the gold coin to which you refer amounting to Three Hundred and Twenty Two Thousand Five Hundred and Eighty Eight Dollars and Fifty Cents, \$322,588⁷⁵/₁₀₀ subject to count and examination.

You should have been advised of the receipt of this shipment at the time, and I beg you will excuse the omission.

The usual certificates will be forwarded to you as soon as the examination of the coin is completed. It has progressed far enough, to show that there is a considerable amount of legal coins, and some filled and otherwise fraudulently manipulated pieces.

Very respectfully
Wm. H. Miller

Office of U. S. Assistant Treasurer,

NEW YORK,

..... 187 .

.....
Ass't Treasurer.

No. of Enclosures

OFFICE OF
U. S. Assistant Treasurer,

New York, _____, 187 .

How

James Pollock

Suppt of the Mint

as per

Office of U. S. Assistant Treasurer,

NEW YORK,

Feb 21 1874

Thos Hillhouse

Ass't Treasurer.

In reference to
C/O for \$322,588⁵⁰
gold coin for the Ant
Money at St. Louis - will
be forwarded as soon
as coins are weighed.

No. of Enclosures

Rec'd Feb 23/74

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Feb. 21st 1874

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. of the Mint
Sir:

In reply to your inquiry in relation to the Minor Coins sent here for redemption by the "New York Pie Baking Co." I have to say that frequently there is a discrepancy between the amount called for in the letter of advice and the Schedules in the boxes, while the Count differs from both the letter and Schedules. The boxes here now, from the amounts marked on the boxes foot up \$1908.44 while the letter of advice calls for \$1922.60 as the discrepancy is mainly in the one ct nickel, it is possible that the Company arrive at the amount from the weight of the coin, calculating

one hundred (100) cts to the lb., while 98 cts
is the correct amount. The counterfeit
amount from three (3) to five (5) dollars
in a deposit.

Very Respectfully
Jas. L. Cysner
Re-issue clerk.

Jas. C. Byster

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Feby 21 1874

No. of Papers,

Subject, Counterparts
found in deposits
of the N. Y. Cit Ba-
king Co.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

February 21, 1874.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U S Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I enclose herewith certain assay chips received from the assay-office at Boise City, and will thank you to have test assays made thereof and the result reported to me (both as to fineness of gold and silver) at the earliest date practicable.

Very respectfully,
J. R. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
Feb 21/74

Enclosing
assay chips
from Boise City,
for assay and
repat.

Recd Feb 23/74

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Feb 21st, 1874.

Sir

I have to inform you that
so much of the existing Regulations
as allow one hour for dinner
to the Employees of your Mint,
is hereby modified, so as to
allow but a half hour for
that purpose.

This reduction in
time will take effect on and
after receipt of this communication.

Very respectfully
W. R. Linderman

Hon. James Talbot
Supt. Mint U.S.

Director

Philadelphia

Direct~~or~~ of the Mint
Feb 21/74

Half hour, only,
to be allowed
Employers of the
Mint for dinner

Rec^d Feb 23/74

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

February 21, 1874.

Hon James Pallock, {
Supt US Mint, {
Philadelphia.

Sir: I have your letter of the 20th instant, enclosing a communication from the comr in relation to the manufacture of silver coin. I enclose you a copy of a letter received this morning from the Superintendent of the Assay office at New York, from which it will be seen that there is an urgent demand for the trade dollar. You will please make every possible

possible exertion to meet the New York demand for that coin, subordinating the manufacture of other coins, particularly the three and one dollar gold pieces and the silver quarter dollars and dimes.

One hundred thousand (\$100,000) Dollars a week in trade dollars will soon meet the demand.

As soon as circumstances will allow I will have your silver bullion fund increased sufficient to enable you to manufacture and keep on hand a reasonable supply of trade dollars, it now being quite certain that it will be the favorite form

form for the exportation of silver.

Very respectfully,

H. Lindemann

Director

Feb. 19,

~~Order for \$120,873 25~~

Director of the Mint
Feb. 21/74

Re Complaint of
N. Y. Assay Office
directs largest pos-
sible coinage of
Trade Dollars to
the exclusion of
small gold and
silver coins.

Recd Feb 23/74

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

February 20 1874.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Be pleased to inform as to
the price of chemically pure
Nitric Acid during the past
two months.

Very respectfully,
W. B. Anderson
Director.

The only purchase of Pure Nitric acid during
the last two months was on the 24th Jan. 1874
at the price of $11\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per lb.

J. C. B.

m & R

Director of the Mint
Feb 20/74

Enquire the price
of chemically pure
Nitric acid, during
the last two months.

Rec^d Feb 20/74

Mint of the United States,

CHIEF COINER'S DEPARTMENT.

Philadelphia, February 20th 1874.

Hon James Pollock,
Superintendent.

Sir;

I enclose herewith quarterly statement showing the workings of Gold and Silver, in this Department, from April 1st 1873, to December 31st 1873 - exhibiting the loss on each separate working in the various processes, as well as the apparent gain from the Rolls.

I have the honor to remain
Very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servant

A. London Snowden

Coiner

B.

A. Landon Snowden
Comr.
Feb 20/74

Enclosing Statement
showing the workings
of Gold & Silver in
the Coiners Dept
From April 1. 1873,
to Dec. 31. 1873
with loss & gain to

Recd Feb 20/74

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Feb 20th 1874

Sup^r U. S. Mint

One Silver Seward Medal
One Silver Grant Let us have
peace. Two Silver Washington
Five Inceus His Fame

Respectfully
C. M. Wilkins

C. M. Wilkins
Phila

Feb 20/74

Copy

United States Assay Office

New York. February 20th 1874.

Sir,

It is very desirable that the Mint should furnish us Trade Dollars more rapidly than they are now doing.

Great dissatisfaction is evinced by depositors, who are compelled to wait an unreasonable time for payment.

They are anxious to take advantage of the present rate in London, ($57\frac{3}{8}$ per oz Feb 7 18th) and are making heavy deposits for that coin - 33,000 oz this morning in hopes of obtaining them for shipment on the 25th.

Our orders are far in advance of our receipts from the Mint, with none on hand and \$280,000 in bullion there for conversion into U. S.

The object of increasing

our bullion fund in Silver to such an extent
has been entirely defeated by the failure of
coöperation at the Mint. If you will au-
thorize the Mint to relieve us from this
embarrassment, depositors will be much grat-
ified.

Very Respectfully

(signed) Thomas C. Acton

Hon H. K. Linderman

Supt.

Director of the Mint

Washington D. C.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

February 20 1874.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have received by express the bronze copy of the Robinson-Seward medal referred to in your letter of the 19th inst, and noting your remarks upon the price thereof invite your attention to a communication from you dated the 5th January 1874, and one from this office to you under date of the 6th ultimo, on the subject of the price of
of

of this medal.

I am not aware of having authorized any change in the price from \$2,50 - the amount in currency enclosed for the copy ordered on the 18th instant.

Very respectfully,
H. B. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
Feb 20/74

Ack'd recd of
Henry Robinson
Medals

The price fixed
January 5. & 6th was
£ 2.50

Recd Feb 20/74

"
our "Reserve" including
my share not all gone
+ none to any one
other than Genl. Officer

H. R. L.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Feby. 20th, 1874.

Sir

The Secy. of the Treasury
has requested me to furnish
a set of specimen trade
dollars for the Secretary
of War, with a case similar
to those previously sent.
Please send C.O.D.

Very respectfully
H. Linderman

Director

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint U.S.
Phila^{da}

Director of the Mint
Feb 20 / 74

Wants Set of
Specimen Trade
Dollar for the
Sec'y of War.

Recd Feb 21 / 74

Mint of the United States,

CHIEF COINER'S DEPARTMENT.

Philadelphia, February 19th 1874.

Hon. James Pollock
Superintendent.

Sir;

In answer to the interrogatory of the Director, contained in his letter of 16th inst, in relation to the weekly supply of Trade Dollars and Dimes, I have the honor to state that the orders upon my book, for gold and silver coin are as follows:-

D ^o Eagles	\$ 278.261.93
Eagles	100.000.00
Three Dollars	100.000.00
Dollars (gold)	220.813.98
Trade Dollars	202.060.00
Half Dollars	80.313.16
Quarter Dollars	68.504.88
Dimes	126.699.66

It will be seen from this that \$80.313.16 in Half Dollars, and \$68.504.88 in Quarter Dollars, are required. If we can suspend the coinage upon halves and quarters

limiting the operations of the Department to gold, base coin, Trade Dollars and Dimes, we can make on an average, of the two latter, about \$100,000 in Trade Dollars, and \$25,000 in Dimes, per week. This may be perhaps increased.

You will see therefore, that the coinage of Trade Dollars and Dimes will depend upon the suspension of the coinage of halves and quarters. If these are required it will reduce the Dollar and Dime coinage in proportion to the number of halves and quarters made.

I would again draw the attention of the Director to the absolute importance of increasing the annealing facilities of this Department. It is not only embarrassing in our operations, but a positive loss to the Government. All of which is respectfully submitted.

I have the honor to remain

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servant

Boudon Browder

Coiner

A. Linda Snowden
Comr

Feb 19/74

Repats the amount
of Trade Relations & claims
that can probably be
crised & worky in
addition to other
Crises.

Recd Feb 19/74

sent
Feb 18/74
FIRST NATIONAL BANK.

Manitowac, Wis Feb 19 1874

Your favor of Dec 29 with enclosure is at hand and shall have attention. We have as yet not received any Coin from you for draft sent on the 20th of December last

Respectfully Yours,

CHAS. LULING, Cashier.

Finnish Nat Bank
Manitowoc

This

Feb 19/74

Inquiry after Minn
Coins

A.B.S.
Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

February, 19, 1874.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the sum of Forty one (41^{00}) Dollars has been charged against the Contingent Appropriation of your Mint, 1874, on account of actual expenses incurred by the Director in visiting your institution.

You will please that the proper charge is made on your books.

Very respectfully,
A. R. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Hunt
Feb 19/74

\$41. to be charged
against Hunt office for
Contingencies - Expenses
of Director in attending
Annual assy,

Rec^d Feb 20/74

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Feb 19th 1874

Sir:

Please have struck at your earliest convenience one Silver Grant Indian peace Medal. One Silver Set in hand peace. Lincoln Emancipation Silver, and 1 oath of allegiance Medal Silver thick planchet.

Respectfully Yours,
C. M. Wilkins

Hon Jas Pollock
Supt U.S. Mint.

C. M. Wilkin
Phila^a
Feby 19/74

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

February 19, 1874.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U S Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

During the progress of the recent annual assay at the mint, it was alleged by one or more of the commissioners that both the gold and silver coins of the Philadelphia mint had been weighed at the time of taking them for the pycs and before sealing them up. The practice at the other mints it is understood has always been to take these coins indiscriminately

indiscriminately and to seal them up without weighing. It will be necessary for a rule to be prescribed, which shall require and secure a uniform practice at all the mints in the taking of the assay pieces.

Before deciding the matter I should be pleased to receive a report from you setting forth the extent to which the practice of weighing referred to has been carried, and the reasons therefor, with any suggestions in relation to the subject you may see proper to offer.

Very respectfully,
H. B. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
Feb 19/74

Enquires.
In regard to the
alleged weighing of
reserved coins
at this time they
are selected.

Rec^d Feb 20/74

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Feb 18th, 1874.

Sir

Referring to your communication of the 10th of January last, reporting the result of the assay of three silver Bolivian coins, I have to request that the value of the said coins, may be sent to this office as early as possible, in order that the Minister Resident at Bolivia may be advised of the result of the assay, and the value of the coins returned to him.

Very respectfully
Hon. James Dollock H. K. Luman
Supt. Mint U.S. Philad^a Director

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)

July 18. 1874.

Requesting the value
of the Bolivian coins
assayed at the Mint
to be sent to his
office.

Recd July 19. 1874

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Feb'y 18th, 1874.

Sir

I will thank you to furnish
this office at your earliest convenience
with a copy of each of the
blank forms used in the transaction
of business at your Mint.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Hon. James D. Collock

Director

Sup't Mint U.S.

Phila^{da}

Director of the Mint
Linderman,

Feb 18. 1874.

Wants copy of all
blank forms used
by the Mint.

Recd Feb 19. 1874

ORIGINAL.

No. 13714

United States Assay Office,

New York, Feb^y 18th 1874

Received from the U. S. ASSAY OFFICE at New York, for transportation and delivery to the U. S. Mint, at Philadelphia, Thirty Two boxes Silver bullion, of the net value of Eighty one thousand four hundred & eighty one ⁸⁸/₁₀₀ Dollars, returnable in Trade Dollars

\$ 81,481 ⁸⁸/₁₀₀ S. C.

A. P. Pearson

For the Adams Express Company.

Int

Report

United States Assay Office,

New York,

Feby 18th 1874

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Two thousand, eight hundred and ninety six $\frac{27}{100}$ (2.896 $\frac{27}{100}$) dollars in Half dollars, balance of Invoice No 87, and Eight thousand, one hundred and three $\frac{73}{100}$ (8.103.73) dollars, on $\frac{1}{2}$ of Invoice No 90, and Enclose Express Receipt and Invoice No 13 of six (6) boxes Fine Silver, payable 17.090 Trade dollar pieces. S.C. .85^t Invoice No 14, of twenty six (26) boxes deposit Silver, payable 61.826 Trade dollar pieces. S.C. .25^t Invoice No 15 of two (2) boxes Fine Gold, net value One hundred & twenty thousand, eight hundred & thirteen $\frac{98}{100}$ (120.813 $\frac{98}{100}$) dollars, payable in Gold dollars.

Very respectfully

Hon^{ble} Jas. Pollock

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa.

Thos C Acton
Supt.

Ask if the \$100.000 in gold
bulls are in addition to former
order on 1st of Dec.

Reg. 21.9

A-2904-U-1-18th/4.

New York

Feby 18, 18th/4.

Assay Office MS

ack Recpt. \$2896.27 in
1/2 dolls bal Ino No 87,
+ \$8,103.43 in a/c Ino
No 90 & Transmits & Recpt
& Invoices No 13 6 bars
Fine Silver, No 14 26 bars
Ref Silver, No 15, 2 bars
fine gold.

Rec'd Feby 19, 18th/4.



The Calvert Lith. Co. Detroit.

Office
(of) **NEWCOMB, ENDICOTT & CO.**
WHOLESALE & RETAIL
Dealers in Dry Goods.

Detroit Opera House Building, Campus Martius.

Detroit, Mich. Feb 18th 1874

Mr James Collock

Dear sir -

*You will please send me
C. O. D. the Medals in copper bound as per list
recd in your favor of the 16th inst - and
oblige -*

*Yours truly
Wm Endicott.*

Ordn

Chas Condi'cott

Detroit

Mich

July 18 1874

Sent by Express

March 10 / 74

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1874/FEBRUARY

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1874/FEBRUARY (CONT.)

Phil^a 9. Feb. 1874

Hon. James Pollock
Suptdt. U. S. Mint

Dear Sir

Please order the
Transfer of the 2 cent bronze
coin on hand, about \$7000 = ,
to my department, & oblige

your truly

Jas C Booth

M. & R.

Make our order for the above
\$7000. for re-carry

J. P. Sup
Feb 7/74

Jas. J. Booth, M.A.R.
Feb. 9/74

U.S. Mint.
Phila^a.

Wants a transfer
of \$7,000. in redeemed
2 of Bronze -

Rec^d Feb. 9/74



J. I. Pease

Manufacturer of Oil.

No 65 & 67 Main Street.

BUFFALO, N.Y.

July 3 1874

Mr Pollock &
Friends

Please send me
by Express 600 5 lbs of
1874 Winter Proof - also
1 lb of 1873. Black prints
April 1. without any heads

Yours truly
J. I. Pease

F. S. Pease
Buffalo
N Y

Feb 5/74

Order for 5 proof sets
To be sent C.O.D

From

J. P. Des Forges,

Bookseller,

3 St. Paul Street,

BALTIMORE.

Feby 4 1874
To the
Director of the Mint
Hon'd Sir -

Do me the favor to
put me down for a
set of the Proof coins
of this year

The change can be
sent with the Coins
when ready -

Yours Respectfully
John P. Des Forges

J. P. Des Forges
Baltimore
Md

Feb 4/74

Order for proof set
for 1874 + enclosure
\$5.00 gold

Worcester Mass
Feb/ 4. 1874

To the Directors of the
U. S. Mint, Philad^a

Dear Sir

Will you have the
kindness to cause to be forwarded
to me by Mail. Three proof
sets of the base Coinage of 1874. and
much oblige

Very Respectfully
Clarendon Harris

240 Main Street Worcester
Mass. }

C. Harris
Harcourt
Mass

Feb 4/74

Order 3 nickel proof
Lits 1874



ENOS W. TAFT,

General Insurance Agent.

No. 3 Bank Block, College Street.

Burlington, Vt., 10th Feby 1874.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint

Dear Sir

"Proof Sets" for 1874 at hand ^{and}
all right except that you send your bill in
"Currency" instead of "Silver".

As I wrote you about one year ago, it is "no
accommodation" to me to pay you "gold premium"
on Silver which I can get at par and I know
no good reason why you should ask it;
therefore, if it please you, in the future when I order
any thing that is payable in any particular kind of
money ~~please~~ you will make your bill accordingly
without I request differently

Very Resp. Yours

Enos W. Taft

E. W. Loff
Burlington Vt
Feb 10/74

St Louis Mo.
Febry 5th 1874

To
The Directors of the
U. S. Mint Philadelphia
Penn.

Dr. Jr.

Enclosed you
will please find twenty dollars
for which you will please send
me by Express five proof sets
of silver, for the year 1874 and
oblige yours

Very Respectfully,
Chas. Abel Smith

J B Clemens
21st and Cass Avenue

P. S.

I collect coins, and my
name is registered at the Mint
J.B.C.

J. B. Clemens
St Louis
Mo

Feb 5/74

Order for 5 proof
Sts)

Denver, Colorado,
Feb. 11, 1874.

Director U. S. Mint,

Dear Sir—

Will the Trade Dollar be included in the proof set (silver and copper) of this year? If so, what will be the price of the set?

If not, can you furnish a proof Trade Dollar separately, and for how much?

Please send me a mint circular relative to proof coins etc.

Yours &c,

Geo. S. Griffin

Direct Box 759.

Geo S. Griffin
Denver
Col
Feb 11/74

Inquire price of proof
Set with trade dollar

1739. I Street
Washington DC
February 7th 1874

Hon. James Pollock
Dear Sir,

Please Send me, (C, C.D.),
two, (2) Silver and base proof sets
for 1874, and very much
oblige
Yours respectfully
Wily Aubick

Feb 9/74 Sent by Express
C.D. \$6.00 in Silver

Or du

J. Wiley Dulick
Washington

D. C.

July 7 / 74

Cincinnati Feb 6th 1874
Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir

I have this day
forwarded to your address per "Adams & Co's
Express", A package containing \$116.⁴⁰/₁₀₀
in Gold, Silver & Currency.

Say Gold & old Silver	43.00
Common Silver	41.90
Currency	31.50

For the above amount of Money please send
me as follows

1 Proof Set of Gold 1874	43.00
10 " " Silver 1874	30.00
7 " Trade Dollars 1874	11.90
2 " Setts Trade Dollars Specie each 1873	30.00
10 " " Small Base Coins	1.50

You will find in the package
over

a small envelope containing some
mutilated silver pieces, I want
the worth of them applied to the purchase
of a small wooden Box to pack the
Coins in, as they will carry so much
better, to avoid friction.

Respectfully
Hollineay

Please give me good fresh specimens
A.C.

38
Jho Cleary
Cincinnati
Ohio

Feb 6/74

Order for Proof sets &c

GUSTAVUS BALSER,
Apothecary &

Manufacturer of Standard Pharmaceutical Preparations,

137 Ave. B, bet. 8th & 9th Sts.

New York, *Feb. 16th* 1874

Mr. Lindemann
Dear Sir

Please send me the Silver
Proof Set of the year, and
also one Proof Trade
Dollar & Oblige

Yours Resp
Gustavus Balser

35-0
1-75
5, 25-

G. Balsen
New Lrk

WILLIAM POILLON

FOOT OF BETHUNE ST.

Salamander Works

New York Feby 11th 1874

Hon James Pollock
Director Mint of the US
Philadelphia Pa

Dear Sir
Please

send me circular or if you
have none the price of the
Proof Sets and Base Sets also
when they will be ready for
delivery

An early reply will
very much oblige

Yours Truly

Wm Poillon

M^r. Pollion
New York

Feb 11/74

Want Medal
Circular

Albany 12 Feb 1874

J Ross Snowden Esqr
Director U S Mint
Wash

I am wanting a few
Seths proof coin, as usual -
I wish to know if there will
be in the Seth 2 whole Dollars
1 ordinary Dollar & 1 Trade do
& also what will be the price
for Seth in Silver Coin

Yours Truly

E D Prouver

S. D. Brown
Albany
N. Y.
Feb'y 12/74

Ask price of proof
Sits

American Numismatic and Archaeological Society.

New York, February 17th 1874

Hon James Pollock.

Supt U S Mint. Philadelphia

Dear Sir

Enclosed please find
my check for \$21.75 for Six Proof sets
@ \$3.50 each and five small sets @ 15¢ ea
which I trust is satisfactory -

Please send them to my address
foot of Bethune St City

Yr oblige

Yours Truly

Wm Poillon



M^r Poillon
New York
Feb 17/74

Boston Highlands
Feb. 13th 1874

James Pollock Esq
Philadel.^a

Dear Sir.

Enclosed find
three trade dollars for which please send
one set of Silver and Cent Proof coins
for this year (1874), to the following address,
also send latest circular.

Yours Respectly

John L Perkins.

Care. Luther W Dixby

No 1901. Washington St

Boston Highlands

Mass

Ship
per Adams Express Co

P.S. If the Proof sets are not ready
for delivery yet, keep the money and
send the set when they are ready.

J. L. P.

John C Perkins
Boston
Mass

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

February 18, 1874.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U S Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

The Annual Assay medal for 1874 having been struck under the authority of the Director, it would appear to be proper that there should be some record of the transaction on the files of this office. You will please therefore report the number struck, and the disposition made thereof.

I was verbally informed by the Coiner that thirty medals were

were struck. I would prefer that that number should not be exceeded, and that future copies be struck ^{in bronze and} only as other medals are struck and furnished.

Of the number originally struck in silver please send three copies to this office, C.O.D.

Very respectfully,
H. B. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
Feb 18/74

Wants report of
the number and
disposition of
assay medals
struck.

Recd Feb 19/74

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

February 18, 1874.

Hon James Pallock, {
Supt US mint, {
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to request that you will forward one copy of the Annual Assay medal in silver to Thomas C Acton, Superintendent of the Assay-office New York, - collecting from him the amount necessary to reimburse the mint.

It appears that several persons in the assay office at New York, who for many years were associated with the late Professor Torrey, would like to obtain
copies

copies of the assay medal.

You are hereby authorized to strike a sufficient number for that purpose, either in silver or bronze, to be furnished subject to the medal regulations, and will please notify the Superintendent accordingly.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Directing the Mint
7th 1874

Directing assy
Medals to be fur-
-nished to Supt
Certain Employes
of the N. Y. Assy
Office.

Recd 7th 29/74

S. G.

Treasury of the United States,

Washington, Febry. 17th, 1874.

Sir:

I send you by Todays mail 60 Blank Transcripts of Bullion Fund and Recoinage Accounts, and 60 of Minor coin Accounts.

In place of any other statements for use in This office, I will thank you to render an account on each of These Transcripts on the days mentioned in the accompanying Table, commencing on January 10th 1874.

Very Respectfully,

L. D. Smith
Asst. Treas. U. S.

James Pollock, Supt.
U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia.

Penn^a.

Treas. U. S.
(per Smith)
Feb 17/74

Towards blanks
for transcripts of
Bulletin Fund &
Recomap for;
and other for his

Recd Feb 18/74

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

February 16th 1874.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U.S Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Will you please inform me
of the amounts respectively of trade
dollars and dimes which you can
probably furnish weekly to the
N.York assay office - meeting
at the same time the other
coinage required.

Very respectfully,
W B Lumsden

Director.

Directs of the Mint
Feb 16/74

Wants to know what
amount of Trade Dollars
and Quarters, can be
furnished weekly
to the N. Y. assay
office, while meeting
other coinage re-
quirements.

Recd Feb 17/74

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

February 16 1874.

Hon James Pollock,
Chftr U.S. mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward one bronze copy of the Robinson medal - which being for public use no charge will be made.

Very respectfully,
H. Linderman
Director.

The medal is to be sent to France on the application of the U. S. Minister for some person about to publish a work on medals of America &c &c

Director of the Mint
Washington

SL

Feb 16/74

Orders 1 bronze Seward
Robinson - Medal
Send to him without
charge

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Feb 16th, 1874

Sir

The following Extract from the Report of the Assay Commission, which assembled at the Mint in Philadelphia on the 11th inst for the purpose of testing the coins reserved during the Year 1873, is hereby submitted for your information.

The Committee on Weighing submitted the following Report which on Motion was accepted and adopted.

In Conformity with the rules adopted, the Committee on Weighing have subjected the weight of the reserved coins to the following

tests.

1st Weighing of each parcel, an aggregate of one hundred pieces, or the whole parcel, if within that number of pieces; the Committee verifying the weights by the standard Troy pound of the Mint of the United States.

2^d Weighing singly a number of pieces selected at random from each parcel, the standard coin weights being used for the comparison.

The Committee has further compared the weights used for receiving bullion, and those used for the delivery of coin by the Comer to the Superintendent of the Mint and found them correct. The following are the results of

Weight of Single Pieces

Date	Designation	Legal Weight grs.	Actual Weight grs.	Deviation		
				Heavy grs.	Light grs.	
1 st Period	10. Eagle	516	516.28	+ .28		
Jan 1 st to	"	"	516.05	+ .05		
March 31. 1873	"	"	515.96		-.04	
	"	"	515.95 1/2		-.04 1/2	
	"	"	515.96		-.04	
	"	"	515.93		-.07	
	"	"	515.93		-.07	
	"	"	515.93 1/2		-.06 1/2	
	"	"	515.94		-.06	
	"	"	516.01	+ .01		
				+ .34	-.39	$-.05 \div 10 = -.005$
	Eagle	258	258.19	+ .19		
	"	"	257.96		-.04	
				+ .19	-.04	$+ .15 \div 2 = + .075$

Weight of Single Pieces

Date	Denomination	Legal Weight gms.	Actual Weight gms.	Deviation		
				Heavy gms.	Light gms.	
1 st Period	Half Eagle	12.9	12.9, 01	+ .01		
Jan. 1 st 1870	"	"	12.8, 97		- .03	
Mar. 31, 1870	"	"	12.8, 98		- .02	
				+ .01	- .05	$-.04 \div 3 = -.01 \frac{1}{3}$
	Three Dollars	77.4	77.41	+ .01		
	Dr. Eagle	64.5	64.65	+ .15		
	"	"	64.46		- .04	
				+ .15	- .04	$+.11 \div 2 = +.055$
	Dollar	25.8	25.78		- .02	

Weight of Single Pieces

Date	Denomination	Legal Weight Grs.	Actual Weight Grs.	Deviation		
				Heavy grs.	Light grs.	
2 nd Period	D. Eagle	516	515.96		-.04	
From	"	"	515.94		-.06	
Apr. 1 st to	"	"	515.91		-.09	
Dec. 31, 1893	"	"	515.97		-.03	
	"	"	515.91		-.09	
	"	"	516.06	+.06		
	"	"	515.90		-.10	
	"	"	516	Standard		
	"	"	515.92		-.08	
	"	"	515.92		-.08	
	Half Eagle	129	128.93	+.06	-.57	$-.51 \div 10 = -.051$
					-.07	
	"	"	129.03	+.03		
	"	"	129.	Standard		
	"	"	129.02	+.02		
	"	"	128.97		-.03	
				+.05	-.10	$-.05 \div 5 = -.01$

Weight of Single Pieces

Date	Denomination	Legal Weight grs.	Actual Weight grs.	Deviation		
				Heavy grs.	Light grs.	
2 nd Period	Dr. Eagles	64.5	64.52	+ .02		
Continued	"	"	64.49		-.01	
	"	"	64.44		-.06	
	"	"	64.48		-.02	
	"	"	64.47		-.03	
				+ .02	-.12	$-10 \div 5 = -.02$
	Dollars	25.8	25.8	Standard		
	"	"	25.77		-.03	
	"	"	25.82	+ .02		
	"	"	25.70		-.10	
	"	"	25.77		-.03	
				+ .02	-.16	$-.14 \div 5 = -.028$

Weight of Single Pieces

Date	Denomination	Legal Weight grs.	Actual Weight grs.	Deviation		
				Heavy grs.	Light grs.	
1 st Period	Dollars	412 1/2	412.80	+ .30		
Silver	"	"	412.63	+ .13		
	"	"	412.49		-.01	
	"	"	412.50	Standard		
	"	"	412.77	+ .27		
				+ .70	-.01	$+ .69 \div 5 = + .138$
	Half Dollars	192	192.09	+ .09		
	"	"	191.40		-.60	
	"	"	191.73		-.27	
	"	"	191.80		-.20	
	"	"	192.50	+ .50		
	"	"	192.18	+ .18		
	"	"	192.75	+ .75		
	"	"	191.40		-.60	
	"	"	191.70		-.30	
	"	"	191.60		-.40	
				+ 1.52	- .237	$85 \div 10 = -.085$

Weights Single Piece

Date	Denomination	Legal Weight grs.	Actual Weight grs.	Deviation		
				Heavy grs.	Light grs.	
1 st P. Piece	Do. Dollard	96	95.87		-.13	
		"	95.57		-.43	
		"	95.82		-.18	
		"	96.02	+.02		
		"	96.07	+.07		
		"	96.03	+.03		
		"	95.92		-.08	
		"	96.33	+.33		
		"	96.06	+.06		
		"	95.47		-.53	
				+.51	-1.35	$-.84 \div 10 = -.084$
	Dimes	38.4	38.24		-.16	
		"	38.10		-.30	
		"	38.30		-.10	
		"	38.30		-.10	
		"	38.50	+.10		
				+.10	-.66	$-.56 \div 5 = -.112$

Weight of Single Pieces

Date	Denomination	Legal Weight grs.	Actual Weight grs.	Deviation		
				Heavy grs.	Light grs.	
1st Period	100 Cents	19.21	19.05		-.15	
	"	"	19.34	+.14		
	"	"	19.23	+.03		
				+.17	-.15	$+.02 \div 3 = +.006\frac{2}{3}$
	5 Cents	11.52 1/2	11.50 1/2	+.28		
	"	"	11.49 1/2	+.29		
	"	"	11.66 1/2	+.14		
				+.69		$+.69 \div 3 = +.23$

Weight of Single Pieces

Date	Denomination	Legal Weight grs.	Actual Weight grs.	Deviation	
				Heavy grs.	Light grs.
7 th Dec	Trade Dollar	420.	419.94		-.06
	"	"	420.15	+.15	
	"	"	420.35	+.35	
	"	"	419.99		-.23
	"	"	420.15	+.15	
	"	"	420.15	+.15	
	"	"	420.01	+.01	
	"	"	420.18	+.18	
	"	"	420.12	+.12	
	"	"	420.58	+.58	
	"	"	420.20	+.20	
	"	"	420.11	+.11	
	"	"	420.09	+.09	
	"	"	419.99		-.01
	"	"	420.07	+.07	
	"	"	420.26	+.26	
	"	"	420.10	+.10	
	"	"	420.14	+.14	
	"	"	420.24	+.24	
	"	"	420.50	+.50	
				+3.40	-.30
				$+3.10 \div 20 = +.155$	

Weights of Single pieces

Date	Denomination	Legal Weight	Actual Weight	Deviation	
				Heavy grs.	Light grs.
2 nd Period	Half Dols	192.9	193.46	+ .56	
	"	"	193.26	+ .36	
	"	"	191.80		- 1.10
	"	"	192.77		- .13
	"	"	193.52	+ .62	
	"	"	192.		- .90
	"	"	192.98	+ .08	
	"	"	193.04	+ .14	
	"	"	192.50		- .40
	"	"	192.74		- .16
				+ 1.76	- 2.64
				$-.93 \div 10 = -.093$	

Weights of Single Pieces

Date	Denomination	Legal Weight Grs.	Actual Weight Grs.	Deviation	
				Heavy Grs.	Light Grs.
2 nd Period	Dr Sols	96.45	96.11		-.34
	"	"	96.79	+ .34	
	"	"	96.23		-.22
	"	"	95.90		-.55
	"	"	96.49	+ .04	
	"	"	96.65	+ .20	
	"	"	95.75		-.70
	"	"	96.41		-.04
				+ .58	-1.85
				$-1.27 \div 8 = .1578$	
	Dimes	38.58	38.56		-.02
	"	"	38.73	+ .15	
	"	"	38.64	+ .06	
	"	"	38.41		-.17
	"	"	38.63	+ .05	
				+ .26	-.19
				$+ .07 \div 5 = + .014$	

From the foregoing tables it will appear that the weight of the single pieces is in all cases within the limits of legal tolerance, and in general, very near the standard weight. And that the aggregate weights of the selected piles or parcels confirms the conclusion that the conformity of the coinage to the legal standard of weight is entirely satisfactory.

There is a marked preponderance of pieces slightly heavier than the standard in the reserved Trade Dollars: the excess is far within the tolerance.

(Signed) J. E. Helgard - E. B. Elliott -

John P. Jones - W. G. Loney - A. E. Boie
Committee

Result of Assays.

Philadelphia

Gold

1st Period Dr. Eagle - 900.1
 99.97 ozs. 900
 2nd Period Dr. Eagle 900.1
 Half Eagle 899.9
 Dr. Eagle 900.
 99.196 ozs. 899.9

Silver

1st Period Dr. Eagle 900.3
 100.024 ozs. 900.6
 2nd Period Trade Dollars 900.
 Half Dollars 899.
 Dime 900.3
 99.999 ozs. 900.8

Table of Lots of Coins Melted for Assay Showing the loss in Melting.

	Weight before <u>Melting</u>	Weight after <u>Melting</u>		Weight before <u>Melting</u> ozs.	Weight after <u>Melting</u> ozs.
Gold	99.97	99.91	Silver	100.024	99.81
	99.996	99.92	"	99.999	99.866
		0.035 grs.			0.12 grs.

(Signed)

Signed R. E. Rogers

Andrew Mason

J. W. Menick

R. V. Taylor

John S. LeComte

Henry Coppie Committee

The following Resolution was then
 offered and adopted.

Resolved. That the Assay Commission
 has examined and tested the reserve coins
 of the several Mints for the Year 1873, and
 it appearing that these coins do not
 differ from the Standard fineness and
 weight by a greater deviation than is allowed
 by law, the trial is considered and
 reported as satisfactory. x x x x

Wm. James Dollock
 Supt. Mint U. S. Philad^a

Very respectfully
 H. Linderman
 Director

I certify that the Extract
herewith submitted is a
correct transcript from
the records of the Assay
Commission

W B Davis
Secretary

Director of the Mint
Feb. 16, 1874

Extract from the
Minutes of the Assay
Commission Feb. 1874

(Certified Copy)

Recd Feb 18/74


Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint

Dear Sir

At your
request I have given the Oil Cup of
Davis & Dubois, about four months
trial on our Rolling Engine

And very respectfully report to
you that it has given satisfaction
using only half the oil that it took to
supply our old cups; besides its Clean-
liness over all cups that I have used

It has been adopted by the P. & F
Department as their Standard Oil Cup
since we have been given it our test

Very respectfully yours &c

A Kilpatrick
Engineer

Feb. 14th 1874

H Kilpatrick
(Engineer of Unit)
Feb 14. 1874

Recommending oil
cup of Davis & Pur-
hais.

Rec'd Feb 15/74

S. 1.

Treasury of the United States,

Washington,

Feb. 1st, 1871.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday covering statements of the Redemption, Reissue, and Melting Accounts of Minor Coins, and of light Gold coins received and recoined.

Plans for weekly statements of these accounts are in course of preparation and will probably be completed next week.

Light Gold coins will be sent you for recoinage, in large or small amounts for some time yet.

Very Respectfully,

L. G. Wells
Asst. Treas. U.S.

James Pollock, Sup't
U.S. Mint

Philadelphia,

Penn.^a

Asst Treas U.S. Intll
Washington D.C.
Feb 14/74

Acct of recd of ~~Coin~~
Mint Coin ^{weekly} of L.
Blanks for ~~State~~
-ments of the Redemption,
issue, & of Mint Coin,
and recoupage of light
old coin, will be
forwarded soon.

Recd Feb 15/74

Int

92903

United States Assay Office,

New York,

Feb'y 16th 1874

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of
One hundred thousand (100,000.) dollars in Quarter
Eagles on ac of Invoice No 80.

Very respectfully

2/17

Hon James Pollock

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa

Thos. B. Acton

Supt.

✓

A-2903-V-1-1874

New York

Feb'y 16, 1874

Assay Office U.S.

Act-Recpt. Foreign
in 1/4 Eagles on a/c No
No 80

Recd Feb'y 17, 1874.

Mr

2902

United States Assay Office,

New York, Feb 14th 1874

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of
Six thousand nine hundred and sixty eight $\frac{32}{100}$ (6,968 $\frac{32}{100}$)
dollars in half dollars balance of Invoice No 86, and
Eighteen thousand and thirty one $\frac{68}{100}$ (18,031 $\frac{68}{100}$)
dollars on $\frac{1}{2}$ of Invoice No 87.

O.K.
Wts.

Very respectfully

Hon James Pollock
Supt. U.S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

Thos B. Acton
Supt.

✓

A-2902.V-1-1874.

New York

Feb'y 14, 1874.

Assay Office U.S.

Ack-Recpt \$6968.37 in
1/2 Dols balance Dno
No 86 & \$18.031.68 on
Dfc Dno No 87.

Recd Feb'y 16, 1874.

11
2,896.27
8,108.73

33,053.47
1,896.27

19 East Thirty Fourth St.

Madison Avenue.

New York

14 Feby. 1874

James Pollock Esq.

Sir

Will you have
the kindness to send me
per Adams Express one
bronze "Seward-Robinson" medal
to the above address &
oblige

Yours respectfully
John Carey Jr.

John Carey Jr
New York



F. J. Pease

Manufacturer of Oil.

No 65 & 67 Main Street

BUFFALO, N.Y.

Feb 14 1874

Ernest Pollock Esq
London

There were no

2 cent Copper

3 " Silver

5 " " in the sets

sent me, I would
please send them

Yours Truly
F. J. Pease

F. S. Pease
Buffalo
N. Y.

Feb 14/74

DODGE & CAFFEY,
JEWELRY SWEEP WORKS,
WILL BUY, OR WORK ON SHARES
JEWELRY SWEEPS.

ALSO,

WORK GOLD & SILVER ORES.

No. 57 LEWIS STREET,

NEW YORK CITY.

office
21 Broad St-
Room 61

New York City

21 Brood St - Room 61

To

Feb'y 13th 1874

Superintendent - U. S. Mint -

Phil- Pa

Dear Sir

Will you please be so kind
as to inform us whether you have any
Sweeps on hand and when they will be
for sale as we would like to make
a bid for them. also would you sell
a portion or the whole. We have invented
some New Machinery for working Sweeps
and would like to purchase one or
two Tons to commence with. if conve-
-nient - please send us a Catalogue of
what you have. And you will greatly
oblidge Yours truly

Dodge & Waffey

Dodge & Coffey
New York
Feb 13/74

Want to buy
sweepers.

Rec^d Feb 14/74

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Feb 13th 1874

Hon James Pollock
Supt. U.S. Mint

Sir

Please have me
struck Ten (10) Silver and Six (6) Gold Signet
Medals at your earliest convenience

Respt Yours
J. M. Bunn

J. M. Bunn
Phila
Feby 13/74

Order for 6 Gold
Signer Medals



The Calvert Lith. Co. Detroit.

Office of **NEWCOMB, ENDICOTT & CO.**
WHOLESALE & RETAIL
Dealers in Dry Goods.

Detroit Opera House Building, Campus Martius.

Detroit, Mich. Feb 13th 1874

Mr James Pollock Dear sir -

Please send me the
Prog Ser. of 1874 -
Enclose \$4.00 to cover
cost and postage -
Yours truly

Charles Endicott.

If it is allowable I would like to have you send me
C. A. D. - the 77 Bronze Copper Medals - as per
list of 1872 - if they can be carefully packed so
as not to be injured in transit -

Chas ~~Edicott~~
Detroit
Mich
Feb 13/74

Order for silver
proofs

The National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers.

MANAGERS.

The President of the United States. The Chief Justice. The Secretary of War.—Ex-Officio.

Major-General Benjamin F. Butler, President, Lowell, Mass.

Maj.-Gen. J. H. Martindale, 1st V. P., Rochester, N. Y. Jay Cooke, Esq., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Gov. Frederick Smyth, 2d V. P., Manchester, N. H. Hon. Hugh L. Bond, Baltimore, Maryland.

Hon. Lewis B. Gunkel, Secretary, Dayton, Ohio. Dr. Erastus B. Wolcott, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Brig.-Gen. John S. Cavender, St. Louis, Mo. Maj.-Gen. Thomas O. Osborn, Chicago, Ill.

Officers of the Central Branch:

Colonel E. F. Brown, Governor.

Major J. B. Thomas, Treasurer. Dr. C. McDermont, Surgeon. Capt. Wm. Thompson, Steward.

Capt. R. E. Fleming, Secretary. Rev. Wm. Earnshaw, Chaplain. Mrs. E. L. Miller, Matron.

Chaplain's Office,

Dayton, Ohio, February 12th 1874

Doc. Sollock.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

Phila

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I send for your inspection a piece of "Coin", no doubt of ancient date. Please examine and give its antiquities - if any - and please return as soon as possible. and Oblige.
Yours Respectfully.

Chaplain &c.

Chaplain Soldier's
Home

Dayton
Ohio

Feb 12/74

Coin for inspection

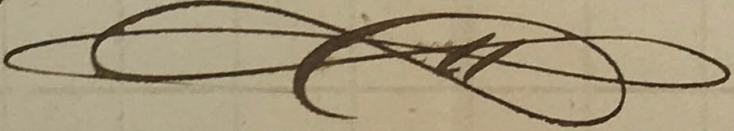
Glen Leon, Long Island.

Sir.

Sept. 12. 1894.

U.S. Mint, Phila. Pa.

Enclosed find cash
20 cts. for not to find
enough to forward me
set 1-2-3 & 54 pieces,
proofs for 1894. and
oblige

Yours Respectfully
Jacob S. Bowne


J. F. Brown

Glen Cove

Long Island

Feb 12/74

Order 1 Nickel proof
Set

Int

2901

United States Assay Office,

New York,

Feb 12th

1874

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of
Eighteen thousand (18,000) Trade dollar pieces on
Ac of Invoice No 7.

Very respectfully

Hon James Pollock

Supt. U.S. Mint

Philadelphia Pa

Thos C. Jackson
Supt.

P.S.

Please forward at your earliest convenience. Assay
memorandums of Invoices *80. *90.

T. C. A.

✓

Mr. Grees please notice

A. 2901. V-1-1874.

New York

Feb'y 12, 1874.

Assay Office U.S.

Ack-Recpt 18.000 D.
pieces, on of two no's.
Yc

Rec'd Feb'y 13th 1874.

WELLS, FARGO & CO'S EXPRESS.

Value, \$ 20.50San Francisco, Feb'y 13th 1874Received of A. S. MunirLetter

Package

Sealed

Valued at

Twenty 50/100 dolsAddressed toGen Pollock
Phila da

Which we undertake to forward, by usual conveyance, to the nearest point to destination reached by this Company, subject to the following conditions, namely: This Company is not to be liable for any loss or damage except as forwarders only, nor for any loss or damage by fire, by the dangers of navigation, stage or railway transportation (unless specially insured by this Company and so specified herein); nor by the act of God, nor of the enemies of the Government, the restraints of Government, mobs, riots, insurrections, pirates, or from or by reason of any of the hazards or dangers incident to a state of war. Nor shall this Company be liable for any default or negligence of any person, corporation or association, to whom the above described property shall or may be delivered by this Company, in the performance of any act or duty in respect thereto, at any place or point off the established routes or lines of this Company, and any such person, corporation or association is not to be regarded, deemed or taken to be the Agent of this Company for any such purpose, but on the contrary, such person, corporation or association shall be deemed and taken to be the agent of the person, corporation or association from whom this Company received the property above described. It being understood that this Company relies upon the various Stage, Railroad and Steamboat lines of the country for its means of forwarding property delivered to it to be forwarded, it is agreed that it shall not be liable for any damage to said property caused by the detention of any stage, train of cars, or of any steamboat upon which said property shall be placed for transportation; nor by the neglect or refusal of any Stage, Railroad or Steamboat Company to receive and forward the said property. **Nor shall this Company be liable in any case for an amount exceeding FIFTY DOLLARS, unless the true value thereof is herein stated;** nor for any amount upon any property or thing unless properly packed and secured for transportation; nor upon any fragile fabrics, unless so marked upon the package containing the same; nor upon articles consisting of or contained in glass. And it is also understood that the stipulations contained herein shall extend to and inure to the benefit of each and every company or person to whom, through this Company, the above described property may be intrusted or delivered for transportation. **The party accepting this receipt hereby agrees to the foregoing conditions.**

 **READ THE CONDITIONS OF THIS RECEIPT.** 

For the Company,

Charges, \$

75 Cts Paid[Signature]

J. G. HODGE & Co., Manufacturing Stationers.

The Mint of the United States at San Francisco,

Office of Superintendent,

San Francisco, Cal.,

Feb. 12 1874

On
Enclosed find Wells Fargo
Co's receipt for one sealed
package containing Special Assay
Coins for the month of January
1874.

1 Double Eagle \$20.00

1 Half. Dollar 50

20.50

Hon Jas Pollock.

Very Respectfully

Sept. 11. J. M. Hunt

A. H. M. M. M.

Philadelphia

Sept

Peru.

Recd the above coins

W E Dubois

Feb. 23. 1874 assayer

Mint of the United States
San Francisco

O. H. La Grange,
Superintendent.

Special
Assay Coins for Jan'y.
\$20. 50

No. of Enclosures - 1.

Rec'd Feb 23/74

Office of Assistant Treasurer U. S.,

St. Louis, Feb. 12th, 1874.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of \$34.⁵⁰ Counterfeit Coins found in my shipment of \$701.000.[#] please return me the Tags that were on the bags in which the Counterfeit Coins were found.

James Gallock Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

Very Respectfully
A. Brown
Apt. Treas. U.S.

Office of Ass't Treasurer U. S.,

ST. LOUIS,

Feb 12, 1874.

A. G. Edwards

Assistant Treasurer.

Ack'g the return of
434 ⁵⁰ Cent gold coin.

No. of Enclosures

Rec Feb 14/74

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Feby. 11, 1874.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th instant, enclosing $\text{Co}^{\#} 305$ for $297,966.00$ Gold Coin, proceeds of the recoinage of $300,000.00$ light Gold coin from the U. S. Assistant Treasurer at New Orleans, also Mint Memorandum, and to inform you that the enclosures have been forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully,
H. C. Johannes.
For the Director.

Director of the Mint
(in forwarding)
Feb. 11/74

Actg. acct for Aug. 7
the head of \$1000. 305
for \$297,966 - reconveys
of light gold coin from
Asst. Treas. U. S. at New
Orleans, La.

Recd Feb 12/74

Imp
2900

United States Assay Office,

New York, Feb'y 11th 1874

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt
of Nine thousand one hundred and eighty nine
(9,189) Trade dollar pieces, and .76¹/₂ Silver Coins
balance of Invoice No 3.

Very respectfully

Hon. Jas. Pollock

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa.

Thos. C. Acton
Supt.

✓

D.K.
Acton

A-29011-V-1-1874.

New York

Feb'y 11. 1874.

Assay Office N.Y.

Act Recpt 9,189 D.D.
pieces & 76¢ Silver
Coin balance due N.Y.

Recd Feb'y 12. 1874.

N^o 22 Pine St.
New York Feb 11/74

Mr James Pollock

Dear Sir,

Your favor of the
10th inst. with "Seward Robin-
-son" Medal is at hand.

Please accept my thanks
for your prompt reply.

I am

Very truly &c

Horace S. Ely

by J. A. Ely.

Horace Ely
New York

Feb 11/74

S. G.

Treasury of the United States,

Washington, Febry 10th, 1874.

Sir:

Will you oblige by sending me a statement of the Nickel and Recoinage Accounts for the month of January?

I refer especially to any redemptions, issues, or returns to my credit, of Minor Coins, and to returns on account of any Recoinage of Gold or Silver for my account.

Very Respectfully,

L. G. Wells
Asst. Treas. U.S.

James Pollock, Sup't.
U.S. Bank

Philadelphia.

Penn'a.

Asst Treas U.S. (Intell)
Washington D.C.
Feb 10/74

Wants statement of the
Nickel & Recoinage
Accounts for Jan'y 1/74

Recd Feb 12/74

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

MELTING & REFINING DEPARTMENT,

Philadelphia, 9th Feb. 1874

Hon. James Pollock

Suptdt. U.S. Mint at Phil^a

Dear Sir,

I herewith enclose the results of melting Gold & Silver during the last Quarter of 1873, showing the amounts operated on, the amounts delivered to you in Ingot form, with a few Fine bars, — the apparent gains and losses, and the ratio of losses, as compared with that allowed by law. I draw your attention to several points in the accompanying tables:

1. The enormous amount operated on, nearly \$38,000,000 Gold, to make about \$14,000,000 Coin; and about \$2,600,000 Silver to make about \$1,000,000 coin. The weight of the metals operated on was about 137,000 lbs. a.d.p. of gold, and about 152,000 lbs. of silver.

2. The irregularities between the 10th & 16th Oct. in our gold operations were due to the enormous amount worked and the consequent interlacing of separate workings, resulting in the impossible gain of over 400 oz. gold.

Similar irregularities occurred in the silver workings on the 9th & on the 27th & 29th Oct. — on the 29th Nov. — and on the 16th 22nd & 29th Dec. We never could trace the gold gain to any reliable source & hence concluded that it was due to an error in weighing. But we found losses & gains nearly to correspond at the several periods named in silver working; and, therefore while we omitted any notice of the gain in gold, in calculating the average wastage, we embraced the gains of silver legitimately in its wastage.

3. The true average wastage of gold was .00053
" " " " Silver " .00029

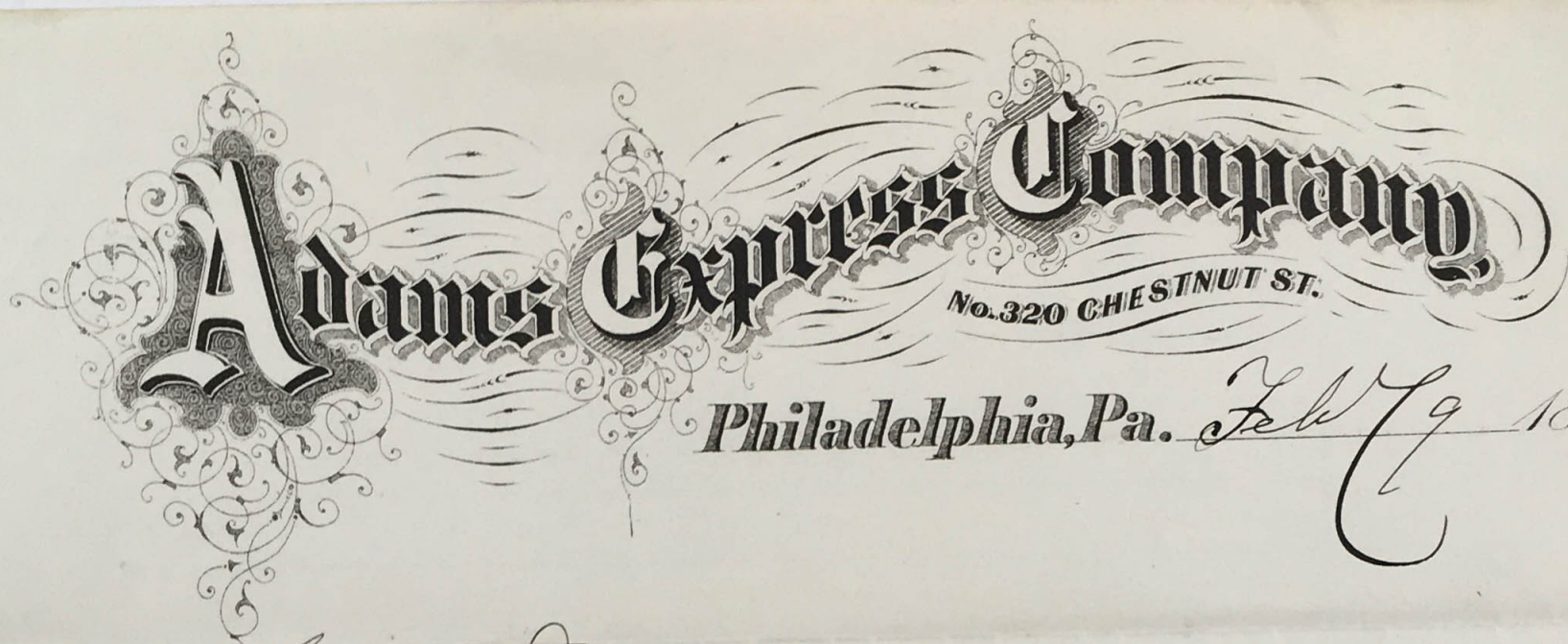
These wastages will of course be diminished by assay slips, & Sweep. May I ask you to transmit the Statement & Tables to the Director.

Very truly yours
J A C Booth

Jas. C. Booth
M & R
Feb 9/74

Forwarding 2 State-
ments of losses in
melting Gold and
Silver, from Oct. 1/73
to Dec. 31/73.

Recd Feb 9/74



Hon James Pollock

Sup^r M. S. Merr

Dear Sir

Th^r

The Letter of Calvin J Lewis Assayer in Charge of A & S Assay Office at Charlotte N C, relating to 1 Bar 2 1/2 ozs Silver said to have been forwarded to the Mint for Trade Dollars, has been referred to me for inquiry.

No such Silver has been received by the Adams Express Co, nor has any been deposited by any other person. J. Lewis so far as I can ascertain from the Books of the Weigh Clerk.

The letter says it was sent in care of J. Rents. No such name can be found in our City Directory & I am at a loss to know where further to look for the Silver.

Respectfully Yours
Geo Thompson
Sup^r Merr Dept

Adams Express Co

Agro C. Thompson
Adm Express Agt
Feb 9/74

Gold & Silver
deposited per Colored
J. Foster; Arrive
Charlotte, N.C.
new recd

Rec Feb 9/74

MS.
Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

February, 9, 1874.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the Ordinary Expense Ac of your institution for the month of January, 1874, and to inform you that the same has been referred to the 1st Auditor for settlement.

Very respectfully,
H. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
Feb 9/74

Ordinary Expense
Ac for January 1874
Rec'd & referred to
First Auditor.

Rec'd Feb. 10/74

N° 22 Pine St.

New York Feb 9. 1874

Mr James Pollock

Dear Sir.

The Medal has come to hand, please accept thanks for your prompt attention, May I trouble you to send to my address another copy of the "Seward Robinson" medal. for a friend in Paris.

I inclose three dollars in currency, please send the medal by Express at my expense.

I am

Very Truly &c
Heracl S. Ely.

N° 22 Pine St.

H. S. Ely
New York

Feb 9/74

Order for Seward-
Robinson Medal

ORIGINAL.

No. 11712

United States Assay Office,

New York, *Feb 9th* 1874

Received from the U. S. ASSAY OFFICE at New York, for transportation and delivery to the U. S. Mint, at Philadelphia, *Thirty one* boxes *Silver* bullion, of the net value of *Eighty thousand seven hundred & twenty five* ⁶⁷/₁₀₀ Dollars, returnable in *Trade Dollars*

\$ *80,725* ⁶⁷/₁₀₀

D P Barnum

For the Adams Express Company.

III
2899

United States Assay Office,

New York,

Feb 9th 1874

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of
Nine thousand (9,000) dollars in Times, on 1/4 of Invoice
No. 2, and Twenty four thousand (24,000) Trade Dollar
pieces, on 1/4 of Invoice No 7.

Enclose Express Receipt, and
Invoice No 11 of twenty five (25) boxes deposit Silver
payable 57.555 Trade dollar pieces. S. C. 64^t and
Invoice No 12 of Six (6) boxes Fine Silver, payable
20.629 Trade dollar pieces. S. C. 05^t

✓
Very respectfully

Hon W. Pollock

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa.

Thos. B. Acton
Supt.

OK
Entered 2/10

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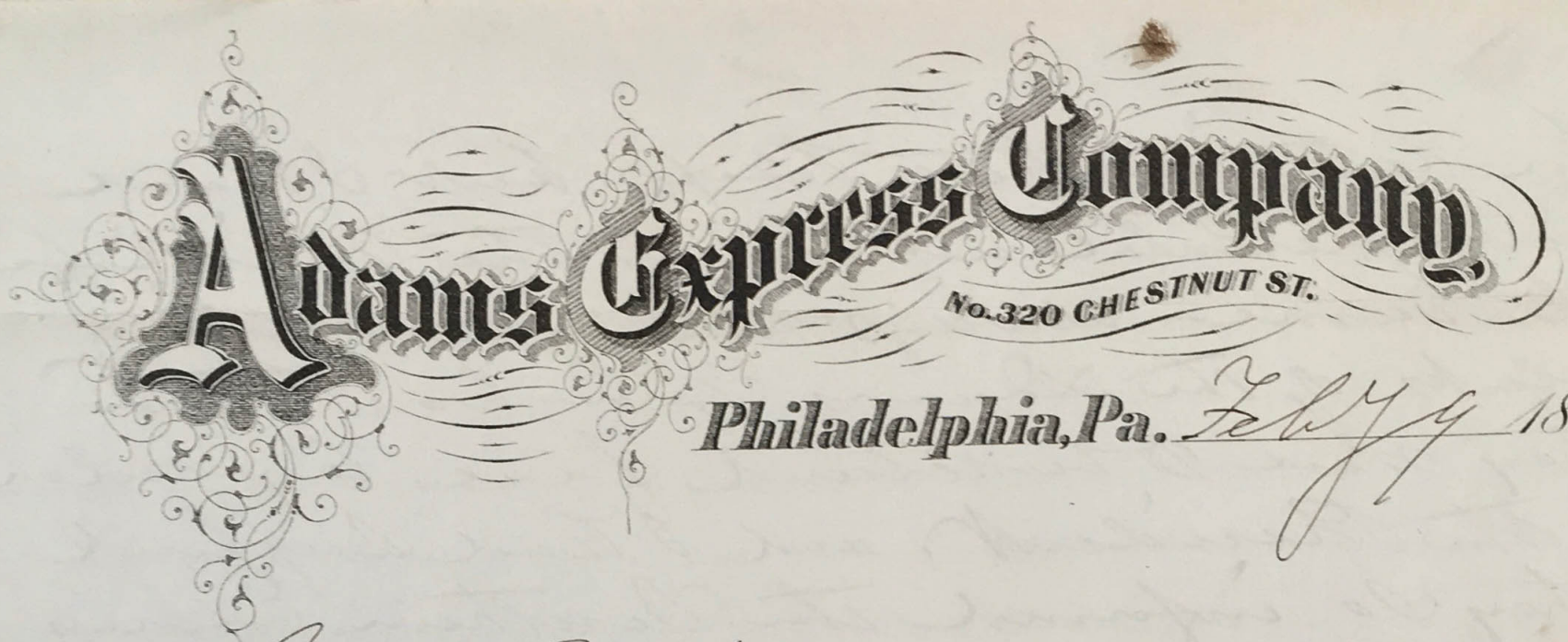
New York

Feb 9, 1874

Assay Office U.S.

ACK - Recd \$9,000 on
W.D. in a/c Duv
no 2, & 24,000 \$ pieces
on a/c Duv no 1 of 9 Drave
-mit & Recpt & Duv no 11
of 25 boxes dep Silver
payable 57,555 \$ pieces
\$6.64 & Duv no 12 of 6
boxes Fine Silver payable
20,629 \$ pieces \$6.08 &

Recd Feb 10, 1874



Hon James Pollock
Supr. U. S. Mint
Phil^a

Dear Sir

The Letter of the Assistant Treasurer of
U. S. at Charleston S. C., dated Feb 7. 4th
in reference to the return of Empty Nickel
Bags, having been handed to me for a
reply: I beg to say - That the Bronze & Nickel
Coins are sent in Bags to all places except
Charleston S. C. and New Orleans -

Several years since while packing a
quantity in Bags for both of those places, the
President of the Adams Express Co. W. B. Dinwiddie
Esq called at the Mint,

He said he would greatly prefer to have
the Coins for those points put in Bags,
and if the Mint would furnish the Bags
the Express Co's would return them free
of Charge - This has been the practice
ever since -

The Dinwiddie Express Co has
always made a charge on their way Bills

In returning those Baps. but I have
never presented a Bill to the Min^r for
the same - always telling the Settling
clerks of the Adams Express Co. that
they were to be returned free by order
of the President, and I had supposed
they so informed the Southern Express
Co.

Respectfully Yours
Geo. Thompson
Dep^y Min^r Dep^t
Adams Express Co.

Wm. J. Thompson
Adams Express Co.
Mar 9/74

Gov. Brown
Charles W. F.
S. J. P. Adams
Thos. J. Adams
Thos. J. Adams
Thos. J. Adams

Recd Feb 9/74

TIFFANY & CO
GOLD & SILVER SMITHS
UNION SQUARE
NEW YORK.

W James Pollock Esq.
US Mint Philadelphia

Dear Sir, Complying with

Your request of the 6th inst.
we enclose the vouchers signed
in duplicate.

Please send us the
"Meigs" medal dies, and with
thanks for your promptness
in filling our small order, we
are,

Respectfully,

Tiffany & Co.
Gray

9th Feb'y 1871

Tiffany & Co
New York

Feb 9/74

Directing return of
"Miggs" Medal dies



JAS E. REEVES, President
J. F. REEVES, Cashier.

Dear Sir

Enclosed please find
my Draft on First National Bank of
Philadelphia \$25⁰⁰. for which please
send me by Express New Silver Trade
Dollars.

Very much obliged

Yours truly

J. W. M.

To
Director of U. S. Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.



JAS E. REEVES, President.
J. F. REEVES, Cashier.

Feb 16 1874

Sir Your letter of Feb 12th is
received and contents noted.
Please send me ten Trade
dollars, and balance of
my draft in currency or
as may be most convenient
to you. Will be kind enough
to explain why these pieces
are worth so much more than
ordinary silver?

Wm Rishg

20
James Fallock.
Superintendent
US Mint
Phil. Pa

J. F. Reeves
Richmond
Ind

Feb'y 9th & 16th /74

Order for Trade Dolls

AMERICAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,

Walnut Street, S. E. Corner of Fourth, Philadelphia.

Col. St. CLAIR DEARING, General Agent for North Carolina.

OFFICE No. 20 MARKET STREET,

GEORGE W. HILL, PRESIDENT.
GEORGE NUGENT, VICE-PRESIDENT.
JOHN S. WILSON, SEC. & TREAS.

Wilmington, N. C., Feby 9, 1874

My Dear Sir;

Having once had the pleasure
of your acquaintance, and been indebted
for much civility I venture to ask a few
questions in regard to the value, to collectors,
of certain American Coins.

Thus the Silver Dollar of 1803.

" " " 1799

" " half 1795

" " dollar 1804?

and if you know of any one who would
be liberal in purchasing the above
if they are rare and desirable?

With Considerations
of the highest esteem and regard

I am Dear Sir

Very respectfully
St. Clair Dearing

Wm James Pollock.

Col St Clair Dearing
Wilmington
N. C
Feb 9/74

Inquire the price of
certain coins of back
date

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

The rules of this Company require that all messages received for transmission, shall be written on the message blank of the Company, under and subject to the conditions printed thereon, which conditions have been agreed to by the sender of the following message.

THOS. T. ECKERT, Gen'l Sup't,
NEW YORK.

WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't,
GEO. H. MUMFORD, Sec'y, } NEW YORK.

Dated

Washn Dc Feby 7 1874

Received of

To

Gas Pallock
Subtry Mint

Reserve New York silver
in vault in weigh
room until further
advised Private

H R Lindeman
Director of Mint
15 collect for

 THIS TELEGRAM HAS JUST BEEN RECEIVED AT THE OFFICE IN

WHERE ANY REPLY SHOULD BE SENT.

Direct Wires.

Director of the Mint
Feb 7/74

(Private)

Telegram

Reserve N.Y. Silver
is made some small
etc further order.

Recd Feb 7/74

Int

2898

United States Assay Office,

New York,

Feb 7th 1874

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of
Ten thousand (10,000) dollars in Dinars out of
Invoice No 2.

Very respectfully

2898

Hon. Jas. Pollock

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa.

Thos. C. Netter
Supt.

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C-2898-V-1-18/4.

New York

Feb'y 7, 1874

Assay Office U.S.

ack-Recpt 1000000
W Adams mafe
Invoice No 2.

Recd Feb'y 9th 1874.

All official communications to be addressed to Chief of
Bureau of Ordnance.
Navy Department.

Washington City. Feby 7. 1874

Mr James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir:—

The Bureau encloses approved
bill for manufacturing silver discs, amounting
to sixty nine dollars and sixty seven
cents (69.67) payable in new silver coin,
for which please acknowledge receipt.

I am, Sir,

Your Obedt Servant
William A. Lipp
Chief of Bureau

Chief Bureau of Ordnance
Navy Dept
Washington D.C.
Feb 7/74

Forwarding vouchers
for the payt of \$69.67
bal. due for silver
discs.

$$\begin{array}{r} 69.67 \\ + 32.17 \\ \hline 101.84 \end{array}$$

Recd Feb 9/74

Jersey City Feb. 7 1874.

Hon. James Pollock,
Superintendent U.S. Mint.
Dear Sir,

Please strike for me four (4) of the
Major Henry Lee Medal in Silver
and three (3) copies in Bronze.

You may send them to me in care
of Frank Browning, American Express Co. 115
Broadway N.Y. C.O.D. or if your
rules require payment in advance, if
will please forward the bill I will
send the money - Please also send
me the Mint priced Catalogue of Medals
And Oblige

Yours Truly

Geo. W. Farnier
17 Montgomery St.
Jersey City N.J.

Order

Geo H. Farnier

Jersey City

July 7. 1874

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

February 6, 1874.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U S Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I will thank you to cause
an examination to be made of the
piece of ore mailed to you
this date, and to report the
result.

Very respectfully,
A. R. Lindeman
Director.

Director of the Mint
Feb 7/74

Forward a piece
of ore for assay.

[Assay reported
Mar 2, 1874]

Recd Feb 8/74

The Mint of the United States, at Carson.

Superintendent's Office.

February 6 1874

Sir.

I send you via Wells, Fargo & Co's Express this day One Box containing the Special Test Coins, reserved during the month of January 1874.

I enclose a

Statement of the same —

Very Respectfully
Frank D. Hetch

Superintendent.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Recd the above coins (one
Double Eagle, and three Trade
dollars) Feb 14. 1874

W E DuBois
assayer

The Mint of the United States,
AT CARSON, NEVADA.

Feb. 6. 1874

Frank D. Mettuck
Superintendent.

SUBJECT. *Forwarded by*
Express 1 D.E. - 11 In. Dd.
Special test coins for
the Month of January 1874

NO. OF INCLOSURES. *1*

Recd Feb 13/74

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

February 6th, 1874.

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 26th ult. in reference to the manner in which the Treasurer of the United States should be reimbursed for advances made by him on Your certificate for minor coins sent to the Mint for redemption, You are informed that the Treasurer claims a balance due from You on this account of \$ 115,930, and which You claim to have discharged by the payment of the amount into the Treasury of the United States as profits on minor coinage.

Your error has been occasioned by not drawing the proper distinction between the Treasurer of the United States and the Treasury of the United States.

The amount paid by the Treasurer

for minor coins redeemed, was out of moneys with which he had been previously charged on the books of the Treasury, and when you deposited the amount with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at Philadelphia to the credit of the Treasurer of the U.S. as "Profits on Minor Coinage", the amount was carried into the Treasury, and the Treasurer debited on the books thereof, with the same as a new receipt into the Treasury of the U.S.

In other words, and to make the case plainer.

A paid for the minor coins redeemed, and instead of returning to A the amount he had paid out, and which he was entitled to receive

back, You paid it to B, who was only entitled to receive the profits accruing from the transaction. Consequently A is short in his cash account.

You must return to the Treasurer of the U.S., the amount he has paid out upon your certificate for minor coins redeemed, and which sum must be returned from the proceeds of such coins; no profits which may accrue from the recent purchase of Minor Coinage Metal under the Act of Feby. 12. 1873, to be used therefor.

The Treasurer can draw his transfer draft upon you for the sum of \$25,722.75, and you will receive credit in your Minor Coinage Redemption $\%$ for the amount, but your Minor

Coinage Profit ~~of~~, should not be debited with the \$115,930., for the reason that the ~~of~~ has heretofore been debited with the sum as profits, and the same carried into the Treasury and passed beyond your control or that of the accounting officers, and the indebtedness of the ~~of~~ created by this course, could only be discharged by the future profits on minor coinage.

You will therefore govern yourself in accordance with the letter of this office, under date of the 23^d ultimo.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt Mint U.S.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

Philadelphia

Director of the Mint
Feb. 6/74

The manner in which
the Treas. U.S. should be
reimbursed for advances
made by him on the ~~Receipts~~
Certificates for minor
coins sent to the Mint
for redemption.

Recd Feb 7/74

Mr

2897

United States Assay Office,

New York, *Feby 6th* 1874

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Thirteen
thousand five hundred and nineteen ⁸⁵/₁₀₀ (13,519 ⁸⁵/₁₀₀)
dollars in Dimes balance of Invoice No. 1.

Very respectfully

Thos H. Stewart
Supt.

Hon Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

O.K.
W.H.

7 *✓*

A-2897-V-1-1874,

Newport

Feb 6. 1874.

Assay Office N.S.

Acct - Recept \$3,579.88,
in Dimes back into
L.

Rec'd Feb 7/1874.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

February 6th, 1874.

Sir

I will thank you to send
as soon as possible the statement
of the Coiners' Workings and losses
from date of last settlement,
asked for in communication from
this office under date of Nov. 7. 1873.

Very respectfully

A. Linderman

Director

Hon. James Pollock

Supt Mint U.S.

Philadelphia

Receipt of the amount
Feb 6/74

Wants Statement of
makings of gold and
silver in Coinage
department, called
for Nov 7. 1873.

Rec Feb 7/74

N^o 22 Pine St.
New York Feb 6th 1874

James Pollock Esq.,
Superintendent of the Mint,
Philadelphia,

Dear Sir,

Your favor of the
5th inst is rec^d & contents noted,
Enclosed please find \$3⁰⁰ currency
to purchase a bronze copy of the
"Seward Robinson" Medal.
May I trouble you to send
the same to my address by
Express at my expense,

I am

Very Truly Yours,
Horace S. Ely

N^o 22 Pine St.

Horace S. Ely
New York
Feb'y 6/74

Enclosing \$3. a for
Seward Robinson
Medal

MS. J.
Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

February, 5, 1874.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 4th inst., covering a letter to the Secretary of the Treasury enclosing \$5 for '181.75, proceeds of Assay of Ores, and to inform you that the enclosures have been forwarded to their proper destination.

Very respectfully,
H. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
Feb 5/74

Ack'd rect of
6/10 for \$181.25
fee for assay of
ores.

Rec'd Feb 6/74

RECEIVED FEBRUARY 6 1874

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT

Mr. C. G. C.

United States Assay Office,

New York, Feb 5th 1874

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of
Twelve thousand (12,000) dollars in Dimes on $\frac{1}{2}$ of
Invoice No 1.

Very respectfully

Hon. W. Pollock

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa

Thos. C. G. C.
Supt.

P.S.

I shall be glad to receive all the Trade Dollars
you can send at your earliest convenience, as our
stock is entirely exhausted.

T. C. G. C.

✓

U-2896-U-1-1874,

New York

Feb'y 5, 1874,

Assay Office N.Y.

ack - Recd \$12,000
w^o dimes on a/c Ino
No 1. &c

Recd Feb'y 6, 1874,

New England AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

TENTH ANNUAL FAIR AT MYSTIC PARK, NEAR BOSTON,
SEPTEMBER 2, 3, 4 AND 5, 1873.

GEORGE B. LORING, President, Salem, Mass.
DANIEL NEEDHAM, Secretary, Boston, Mass. - - - GEO. W. RIDDLE, Treasurer, Manchester, N. H.

Treasurer's Office, Manchester, Dec 31 1873.

Mr James F. Muck
Dear Sir

Yours of 24th
Came duly to hand saying
that you could not make
the Medal for less than 80 in
Gold

You may make two
one for New Hampshire State
Agr Society and one for
New England Agr Society
I don't know how fine you
make the gold medals. I suppose

12 or 14 Carats would answer
just as well as a higher grade
I want to reduce the price

as low as possible
as we expect to use
a good many in the future
They are used more as an
advertising medium than
for their intrinsic value
and should like them not
to cost more than 50 each
if they were alloyed. I suppose
would not object to that.

Very truly

George M. Read

NEW HAMPSHIRE
State Agricultural Society.

The Eighteenth Annual Fair will be held in the City of Manchester,
SEPTEMBER 20, AND OCT. 1, 2 AND 3, 1873.

NATT HEAD, President, Hooksett.

AARON YOUNG, Secretary, Portsmouth.

GEORGE W. RIDDLE, Treasurer, Manchester.

Treasurer's Office, Manchester, N. H., *Dec 13* 1873.

James Pollock Esq
Dear Sir

You may make
for the N. H. State Agrl Society
1 Gold Medal.

38 Silver Medals

95 " Bronze Medals

The Gold Medal please make
the value as near \$50 as you
can. Also send me a small
Gold medal if you have
any dies on hand that
will cost say Two dollars
and one that will cost 4 or
5 dollars I have no partic-
ular use for the medals

just now but want
them for samples

At our State Fair last
Fall we had a baby show
and gave 40 gold medals
was obliged to take gold
dollars - and 2 1/2 dollar
pieces, and have them
turned off and improved
As I write for information
can you do anything
to assist me out on
small gold medals
as we expect to want
them next fall

Very Resp Yours
Gerrit M. Road
Treas NH
State agts

NEW HAMPSHIRE

State Agricultural Society

Office 885 Elm Street, Manchester, N. H.

NATT HEAD, President, Hooksett.

AARON YOUNG, Secretary, Portsmouth.

GEORGE W. RIDDLE, Treasurer, Manchester.

Treasurer's Office, Manchester, *March 16* 1874.

Mr James Black
Dear Sir

I enclose you check for
bill of Medals 390.03
when you ascertain the
Amount please return
me bill of the same for
a Voucher.

Very Resp
Yours
George W. Riddle

Geo H. Riddle
In N H State
Agr Soc
Manchester

N. H.

March 16/94

NEW HAMPSHIRE

State Agricultural Society

Office 885 Elm Street, Manchester, N. H.

NATT HEAD, President, Hooksett.

AARON YOUNG, Secretary, Portsmouth.

GEORGE W. RIDDLE, Treasurer, Manchester.

Treasurer's Office, Manchester, *Feb 27* 1874.

James Block Esq
Yours duly
rec^d with bill enclosed for
365.50 . a part to be paid
in Gold & Silver
As Gold & Silver has no
market value in this section
will you please add the
premium and give me
the amount in currency
and I will forward you
check on New York
Yours Very Resp
Gerry M. Steele
Tr

Geo W. Riddle
Manchester
N. H.

Feb 27/74

NEW HAMPSHIRE

State Agricultural Society

Office 885 Elm Street, Manchester, N. H.

NATT HEAD, President, Hooksett.

AARON YOUNG, Secretary, Portsmouth.

GEORGE W. RIDDLE, Treasurer, Manchester.

Treasurer's Office, Manchester, Feb 5 1874.

Mr James Pollock
Dear Sir

If you have
not made the Gold
Medals, please do not
as I expect to be a Phila
delphia Man and will
arrange about them -
the Bronze and Silver Medals
ordered for the New Hampshire
Agr Society please forward
at your earliest convenience
Very Truly Yours

George W. Riddle
Treas

G H Riddle
Manchester
N. H.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

February 5, 1874.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt US Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir: I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant, and the coins mentioned therein, and to enclose herewith US Treasurer's check on the Asst Treasurer at Philadelphia for \$72.35 the amount due.

Very respectfully,
H. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
Feb 5/74

Enclosing check for
\$73.35 for Salts of
Trade Dollar pattern
- ten pieces.

Rec'd Feb 6/74

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

February 4, 1874.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U S Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

The transfer of silver coin from San Francisco to New York gives the Assay office a supply of quarter dollars largely in excess of the demand. You will, therefore, not manufacture any more of that denomination than you may deem necessary to meet demands from sources other than the Assay office.

This instruction is not to be regarded

regarded as interfering with any
transfer of silver bullion
heretofore made by the assay
office for that denomination
of coin.

Very respectfully,
H. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
Feb. 4/74

No more quarter
dollars to be coined
except for depositories
other than the N. Y.
Assay office.

Recd Feb. 5/74

United States Assay Office,

Charlotte, N. C. Feby 4th 1874

Hon. James Pollock
Superintendent U.S. Mint
Sir

Referring to my letter of the 26th
ult. I have now to inform you
that I have sent you by Express
1 Box 22½ ozs Silver
for which I would be glad to get
Trade dollars or other coin.

It went case J. Rents as did
the gold.

Please return result of this
in same package and in same way
you do my E.P. Gold

I have the honor to be
Your Obedt Servant

Calvin J. Bowles
Officer in Charge

P.S.

I have not had the pleasure of seeing
the Trade dollar

C

Calvin H. Fowler
Assy. U.S. Ang. Office
Charlotte N.C.
Feb 4/74

Inquire about
gold & silver
deposits, for the
Rentals.

E. Newman.
See letter of G. B.
Thompson, Adams.
Exp. Agent, filed
Nov. 1.

Recd Feb 9/74

TIFFANY & CO
GOLD & SILVER SMITHS
UNION SQUARE
NEW YORK.

Wm Barber Esq
Mint. Philadelphia Penn

Dear Sir By today's ex-
press we send you the dies
of the Meigs medal from
which please have stricken
six (6) copies in bronze,
and send them to us, if pos-
sible, this week.

Yours truly,
Tiffany & Co
Gray

14th Feby 1874

Charge 35¢ for Expressage on dies - paid
Mr Barber Feby 5/74

Tiffany & Co
New York

Feb 4/74

Order for 6 Bronze
Meiggs Medals

Treasury Department,
First Comptroller's Office,
February 4th. 1874.

Sir:

Your account for the ordinary expenses of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia for the quarter ending December 31st. 1873 has been adjusted at the Treasury, per Report No. 191392; and there is found due the United States, agreeing with your statement, a balance of \$15,078.06

Very Respectfully,

Wm. A. R. R.
Comptroller.

Hon. James Pollock,

Supt. of the U.S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

First Sumptuous of
the Reading
Writing and Rec
Feb 4/74

Ordinary life for quality
ending Dec 31/73 has
been adjusted and
found correct.

Recd Feb 5/74

MS.
Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

February 3, 1874.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt
of the official oath of Edwin F. Walton,
Laborer in your institution.

Very respectfully,

A. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)

Feb'y 3. 1874

Official oath of
E. G. Walton, has
been read

Read Feb'y 4th 1874

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., Feby 3d, 1874.

Sir

I send by to day's Express a package containing 100 copies of Laws relating to Annual Assay, 25 copies of Coinage Act of 1873, and a book for the purpose of recording the proceedings of the Commission.

Please inform me of the receipt thereof.

Very respectfully
W. B. Linderman

Director

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint U.S.

Philadelphia

The Copies of the Laws relating to the Assay, and the Coinage acts are designed for the use of the Commission

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)

Feb 3. 1874

Forwarding summary
documents for use
of Assay Commission

Recd Feb 4. 1874

United States Assay Office,

New York, Feb'y 3 1874

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of
One hundred, and three thousand, nine hundred
and eighty $\frac{94}{100}$ (103,980 $\frac{94}{100}$) dollars in Double Eagles
in full for Invoice No 70.

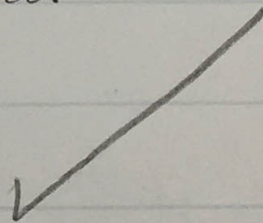
Very respectfully

Hon James Pollock

Supt. U.S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa.

Thos. C. Nelson
Supt.



A-2895-V-1-18/4.

New York,

Feb'y 3. 18th/4.

Assay Office U.S.

Ack - Rec'd \$103,980.94.
in Double Eagles in full
for Invoice No 70 -

Rec'd Feb'y 4th 18th/4.



ENOS W. TAFT,

General Insurance Agent.

No. 3 Bank Block, }
College Street. }

Burlington, Vt., 3rd Feby 1874.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

Supt U. S. Mint

Philadelphia Pa

Dear Sir

Coins & Medals

by Exp. at hand and all right with the exception of the refunded money which was 60¢ short, there being only three 10¢. pieces enclosed, and the package had the appearance of having been broken open

Can you give me any information?
Will you please forward to me two "Proof Sets" for 1874 as soon as issued?
When you have any new Medals for distribution I wish you would mail me a circular

Yours Resp.
Enos W. Taft
Box 75.

Enos W. Saff
Burlington
Vt

Feb'y 3/74

Order for 2 Silver
proof sets

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Feb'y 3^d 1874

Hon James Pollock
Supr U S Mint

Please have struck, at once,
5 Gold Signet Medals and
5 Silver do do do

Respectfully
Jas W. Bunker

Jas M. Bunn
Feb 3/74

Order for 5 gold &
5 Silver signed
Medals

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Feb. 3., 1874.

Hon James Pollock,

Supt.

Dear Sir,

The Specimen
Dollars, Cases, &c. came
to hand & I will remit
draft for Amt. of Bill
tomorrow or next day.

You will no doubt
have noticed the important
step taken by the House Reps,
Yesterday in reference
to Commemorative Medals.

The suggestion & Bill
emitted from me.
We must have plenty
of time in which to
set up these medals
& strike a sufficient
number.

Truly yours

H. R. Hudson

Brester,

Director of the Mint
Feb. 8/74

In Reference
to Centennial
Medals.

Rec^d Feb 4/74

All Official Letters to the Department proper must be addressed to the "Secretary of the Treasury," and in replying to Letters from the Department the initials on the upper left-hand corner should be referred to.

RS

Treasury Department,

Washington, D. C., February 2, 1874.

Sir:

Please advise me from time to time when you are in condition to receive and proceed with the farther recoinage of the light coin in the office of the independent treasury. What is the supply now in the Mint and how long before its recoinage will be completed?

Very respectfully
L. A. Hart
Asst Secretary

James Pollock Esq
Superintendent U.S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa

Asst Secy Treasury
Washington D.C.
Feb 2/74

Enquiries of the
Mint is ready
to receive and
acorn more
light coins.

Recd Feb 3/74

Imp
2894

United States Assay Office,

New York,

Feb 2

1874

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of
One hundred & ninety thousand, six hundred and
seventy nine $\frac{41}{100}$ (190.679 $\frac{41}{100}$) dollars in Gold Coin
in full for Invoice 69, and Thirty thousand (30.000)
dollars in Half dollars on $\frac{1}{2}$ of Invoice No 86.

OK
W.H.P.

Very respectfully

Hon Jas Pollock
Supt. U.S. Mint
Philadelphia. Pa.

Thos W. Acton
Supt.

✓

2/3

A-2894-V-1-1874.

New York

Feb 2, 1874

Assay Office U.S.

ack-Recpt \$190.679.41
in Good Coin in full
for Invoice N 69 &
\$20000 in 1/2 dolls
made Inv 86

Recd Feb 3^d 1874.

United States Assay Office,

New York,

Jan'y 31st 1874

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of
One hundred thousand (100,000) dollars in Half
Eagles, and Fifty nine thousand five hundred and
Twenty two $\frac{9}{100}$ (59,522 $\frac{9}{100}$) dollars in Double Eagles,
balance of Invoice No 66.

Very respectfully

Hon James Pollock

Supt. U.S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa

Thos. C. Acton

Supt.

✓

2/2

Correct
W.C.

CV-2893-V-1 18/4

New York

Jan 31, 18/4

Assay Office MS

ack Recd \$100.00
in 1/2 Eagles & 59.522, 09
in Double Eagles
balance due to be

Recd July 2^d 18/4

Department of State

Washington Jan'y 31 1874.

James Pollock, Esq.

Superintendent of the U.S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 17th instant and also of a package from you by Adams Express containing two beautiful medallions. On the 21st I paid to Adams Express Co. by your order three hundred and fifty dollars in revenue gold to reimburse you for the value of the medallions. I now enclose you my receipt in duplicate and beg that you will pardon any neglect in not sending earlier. I am

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Edward Maymood

Distributing Clerk

Dept of State
Washington
Jan 31/74

Enclosing vouchers
for 2 Gold Shipwreck
Medals

Ru Feb 3. 1874

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

January 31st, 1874.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint, Philad^a. Pa.,
Sir,

It appears that in
December last Foreign Gold coin of the
nominal value of \$3,881.75 was transmitted
You by the Treasurer of the United States, for
coinage, and upon which a coinage charge
of \$7.73 was levied and deducted. I have
to request that you will pay to the Treasurer
of the U. S. this sum and debit your ^{Fullion} Profit &
Loss account with the same.

Very Respectfully,
H. R. Linderman

Director

The amount must be paid
to the Treasurer & not
deposited in your office to his credit.

Director of the Mint
Jan 31/74

Directing the payment
to the Treas. U.S. of
1773 end of charge
in the accounts
of \$3,881.75 foreign
gold coin, for the
U.S. Treas. & charge
the same to Profit &
Loss a/c.

Recd Feb 2/74

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1874/FEBRUARY (CONT.)

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1874/MARCH

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

March. 14, 1874.

Hon. James Pollock.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the Ordinary Expense Account of your institution for the month of February, 1874.

Your pay rolls show the compensation allowed to Isaac Sower, Keeper in the Engravers' Department, to have been \$3.⁵⁰ per diem, which is in excess of the amount approved and heretofore paid, (\$3).

You will please explain this increase of wages.

Referring to your letter of Jan'y 8. stating that the following named employes of your Mint, viz:

Joseph Butter, Cabinet.
J. Tower, Roller.

Mrs. O. Lawrence, Adjuster.

were absent on account of sickness,
I have to request that you will
please explain their continued
absence from your pay rolls.

Very respectfully,
H. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint.
Feb 14/74

Enquire why the
purchase of Isaac
Lowe, Engraver, was
not raised in Feb to
£3⁵⁰ instead of £3. -

Also why
Joseph Butler, Cabinet,
of Lowe, Roller, and
Mr. C. Lawrence, Adjuster
are not in the Feb pay
rolls

Recd Mar 16/74

Treasury Department.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Nov 14, 1874.

Sir

Please send immediately
a comparative statement
of the earnings and expenditures
of your mint for the six months
ending Dec. 31. 1872, and Dec. 31. 1873

Very respectfully
H. Linderman

Director

Hon. James Pollock
Supt Mint U.S.

Philadelphia

Director of the Mint
Nov 14/74

Mints comparative
statement of earnings &
expenses for six months
ending Dec. 31. 1872
+ do Dec. 31. 1873.

Recd Nov 16/74

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

March 14, 1874.

Hon James Pollock, {
Supt U.S. mint, {
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your letter of the 11th instant, with the enclosed bills of Robt Taylor & Co, for crucibles shipped to the Assayer in charge of the mint at Denver, has been received, and the bills referred to the Accounting officers for settlement.

Very respectfully,
H. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
Feb 14/74

Adjunct, Bill
of Robt. Taylor & Co
against the former
Mint, for ancillary.

Recd Feb 16/74

Personal

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

March. 16. 1874.

Hon. James Pollock,
Cust. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

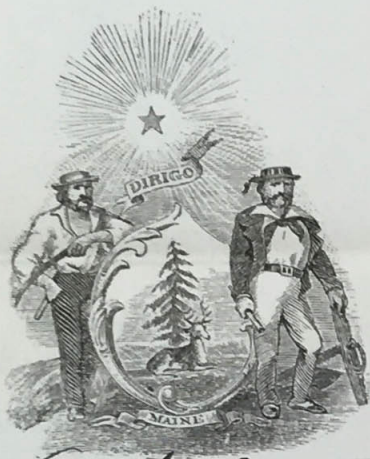
Please send me five (5) Proof
Trade Dollars, C.O.D.

Very respectfully,
H. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
Mar 16/74

Wants 5 proof
Trade Dollars 6. & 2.

Recd Mar 17/74



STATE OF MAINE
Treasury Office.

Augusta, March 16th 1874

To the Director of the
U. S. Mint, Philadelphia.

Dear Sir,

Will you forward
me by Express three proof sets of the U. S. Silver Coins
for the year 1874, including the Trade Dollar.

I enclose twelve dollars, Greenbacks, in pay-
ment of same, if not sufficient, I will remit balance.

Yours Truly

S. C. Hatch, Treas.

S C Hatch
State Treasur
Augusta
Me

Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

Washington, D. C., Mar. 16th, 1874.

Sir: I am a clerk in the Indian Department and am very desirous of obtaining a set of Indian Medals, or copies made from the dies which I am informed are in your custody.

I desire to get them for my collection of coin medals, &c. and if you will have the kindness to inform me whether they can be had; how many different ones you have, what they will cost in currency or silver; whether they will be struck at the mint on receiving the amount of cost; and if the permission of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs or the Secretary of the Interior to

my having said copies will be sufficient
authority for you to authorize the work
done, it will be conferring a favor on
you very ob. servant

Geo. W. Terlinger
Room 109 Patent Office,
(In^{ter} Bureau)
Washington, D.C.

The Hon.

Supt. of the U. S. Mint.

Phil^a

Pa

Geo H. Serflinger
Indian Bureau
Washington
March 16/74

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

March 18 1874.

Hon James Pollock, {
Supt U S Mint, {
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have this day caused
to be mailed to you mine
(9) photographs, assorted sizes,
of the late Professor Louis-
J R Agassiz.

Very respectfully,
H. Linderman

Director.

As soon as I have a little time I will
furnish you with the dates of the birth
and death of Prof Agassiz. Meanwhile you
are authorized and instructed to proceed with the
preparation of a suitable medal submitting designs

before proceeding with the dies - The size
should not I think exceed that of
the Trade dollar. My time is
very much taken up at present
with the subject of the appropriation.
Very Resp^{tly}
H. Lindemann
Director,

Director of the Mint
Mint 18/74

Thousands of photo-
graphs, as at least eight,
of Bay, & grassy, from
which to prepare a
medal, in one
-manuscript.

Recd Mint 19/74

PIER 33, EAST RIVER, FOOT OF OLIVER ST., NEW YORK.

LORILLARD STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
NEW YORK OFFICE.
PIER 33 EAST RIVER.



Philadelphia Office, Pier 19 North Wharves, John F. Ohl, Ag't.

No claim for damage or short delivery of Goods will be allowed unless the Agent is notified of such claim prior to the departure of the steamer on which it occurs.

The Goods herein referred to shall be subject to a lien, and may be retained for freight and charges on other Goods, due from the party on whose account they are transported, as well as for freight and charges on the Goods retained.

MARKS AND NUMBERS.

U.S. Murr Phila Pa
30 Empty Specie Kegs

Freight - - - - - *3.00*
Charges - - - - -
Insurance Premium - - - - -

\$

NO BILLS OF LADING GIVEN FOR LESS THAN FIFTY CENTS.
No Insurance effected for loss than One Dollar Premium.

NEW YORK TO PHILADELPHIA.

Shipped by

U.S. Murr Official NY.

whereof

to be laden on board the Steamship

is Master, or any other Steamship of the LORILLARD STEAMSHIP COMPANY, bound for PHILADELPHIA, (with liberty to call at any Port or Ports, for whatever purpose, to sail with or without Pilots, and to tow or assist vessels in all situations.) To say:

Thirty (30) Empty Specie Kegs

These Goods covered by Marine Insurance which board the ships of the LORILLARD STEAMSHIP COMPANY under open policies, liability limited to Freight, Freight and Charges, and any other loss or damage, payable at the office of the LORILLARD STEAMSHIP COMPANY in New York, Thirty Days after arrival at the Port of destination.

NOT VALID UNLESS SIGNED BY AN AUTHORIZED AGENT OF THE LORILLARD STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

Not a condition

being marked and numbered per margin, to be conveyed unto the aforesaid Port of PHILADELPHIA (the act of God, the country, enemies, fire at sea or in port, accidents to or from machinery, boilers or steam, restrained of government, pirates, robbers, thieves, collisions at sea or in port, and all and every danger of the seas, rivers, and steam navigation or whatever cause or kindsoever excepted,) and neither the ship nor the owners thereof being liable for loss from any of the causes above excepted, and to be there delivered within reach of the Steamship's tackle, unto

him or them of Steamship or Freight, or to his or their assigns, upon the payment by and charges in the currency of the

United States as interest in the Goods thereof, with average accustomed. **Weights, Contents, and Value unknown.**

His principal and interest in the articles named in this Bill of Lading shall be at the risk of the owner, shipper, or consignee thereof, as soon as delivered from the tackle of the Steamer in the aforesaid port of Philadelphia, and they shall be received by the consignee thereof, package, as so delivered; and if not taken away without delay, they may (at the option of the Steamer's Agent) be sent to any place permitted to lay where landed, or returned to the port of shipment, at the expense and risk of the consignee.

And it is further expressly stated, that in case any claim shall arise against the Steamship or the owners thereof for any loss or damage to the above merchandise while on the voyage from New York to Philadelphia, such claim (in all cases to be made upon the value of the articles at the port of shipment upon the date of shipment,) shall be preferred at the office of the Agent or the Steamer in Philadelphia, before the merchandise shall have been delivered. And in case such claim, whether it may be preferred within the time and at the place designated, such loss or damage shall be deemed to be waived by the Shipper and the owners thereof shall be discharged therefrom.

It is further expressly stated, that the Steamship and the owners thereof shall not be liable for loss or damage from leakage, rust, breakage, or natural decay of goods, or damage to the packages from the said causes, or from unseaworthy cargo, or from any other cause; and that the Steamship and the owners thereof shall not be responsible for Gold, Silver, Precious Stones, Metals, Jewels, or treasure of any kind, unless Bills of Lading, in which the value of the articles is stated, are signed therefor.

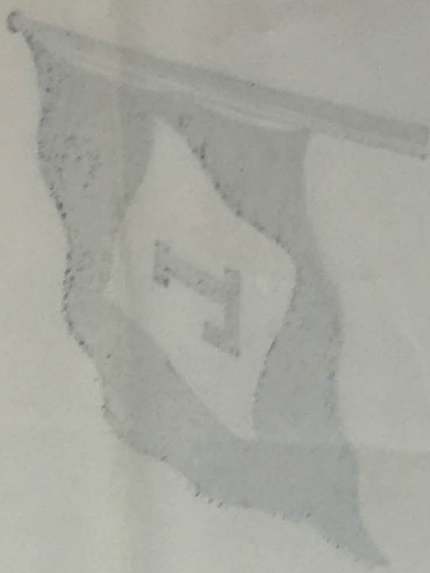
It is also hereby agreed and understood by the Shipper or Shippers, that all Goods signed for **ON DECK** are at **OWNER'S RISK ONLY**, and Company assumes no risk of damage from **FIRE, WATER or FREEZING**, while Goods are on Piers.

In Witness whereof, the Agent of said Steamship hath signed *L* Bills of Lading, all of this tenor and date, one whereof being accomplished, the others to stand void.

Dated at NEW YORK, this *14th* day of *March* 1873.

J. F. Ohl
FOR THE AGENT.

PIER 19, NORTH WHARVES, FOOT OF CALLOWHILL ST., PHILADELPHIA.



THE ATTENTION OF SHIPPERS

Is called to the following FIRST-CLASS

FREIGHT ROUTES!

BETWEEN

NEW YORK & WILMINGTON, N. C.

ALL GOODS WILL BE FORWARDED BY THE

LORILLARD EAST WILMINGTON

FREIGHT LINE,

And to BOSTON, all goods will be forwarded

BY THE

PROVIDENCE AND NEW YORK

Steamship Company's Inside Line.

IMP

2919.

United States Assay Office,

New York, March 16th 1874

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt
of Fourteen thousand (14000) Trade Dollars on 1/2
of Invoice No 14.

Very respectfully

Hon Jas Pollock

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia. Pa.

Thos. C. Seton
Supt.

P.S.

Thirty empty Specie kegs forwarded to your address per
Lorillard's line of Steamers Mich 14th 74.

L. C. G. A.

✓

Cred: 440

C-2919-V-1-18/4

New York

March 16, 1874

Assay Office U.S.

Ack-Rec'd 14,000 G. Dolls
on a/c Invoice No 14,
Ac.

Rec'd March 17, 1874.

Baltimore March 27/74
James Pollock Esq
Supt U.S. Mining Phila.

Dear Sir

I have your favour dated yesterday.
I beg to enclose check for \$3.50
on my friends Mullins & Associates, New
York City, he pleased to select me a nice
proof set of 1874, and forward to me
express to my office No. 42 Second St. -
I should be pleased to hear from you
in case you have anything of special interest
to collectors, - now, or during the year.

I remain very respectfully
your obedient servant
A. J. Perry
Mar 27

O H Berg
Baltimore

Mo

March 17/74

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

March 17 1874.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt US Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I enclose herewith a letter received from J. Allard, of Brussels, Belgium, which I will thank you to submit to the Coiner for reply on the point therein raised.

The \$20 coin referred to in the letter means, I think, the copper blank which I obtained from the mint and gave to
(Mr)

Mr Myers.

Please to return the translation to this office.

Very respectfully,

H. Linderman

Director.

Director of the Mint
Mch 17. 1874

Enclosing inquiry
from J. Allard, Breslin,
Prussia, about raised
letters on the edge of the
Double Eagle. - What
the diameter of the
piece should be.

[Covener's Snowden's reply
Mch 19, filed herein.]

Recd Mch 18/74

W.S.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

March 17 1874.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to inform you that
your Ordinary Expense Account
for the month of February, 1874.
has been transmitted to the
Auditor for Settlement.

Very respectfully.
H. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
Feb 17/74

Ordinary Expense of
for February, 1874, recd
and referred to Mint
Auditor.

Recd Feb 18/74

Opposition Line! Prices Reduced!

Franklin Telegraph Co.

Lines East, West, North & South.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

The rules of this Company require that all messages received for transmission shall be written on the message blanks of the Company, under and subject to the conditions printed thereon.

JOHN DUFF, President.

E. D. L. SWEET, Exec. Manager.

BLANK No. 1.

62 Am 3/27
By Telegraph from Dr Wash D C
To Jas. Pollock
Supt US Mint
Phila

What modifications if any of
items in appropriations for next
fiscal year for your mint will
be required answer today by letter
Carried your deficiency items today
in committee

A R Linderman

40 collect 40
Govt Director

This message has just been received at the office.

N. E. Corner Third & Chestnut.

Director of the Mint
Mar 17/74

Ask what changes are
desired in the terms of
appropria- for the
Mint.

Recd Mar 17/74

(40)

W.B.D.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

March. 17, 1874.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to inform you that this office is in receipt of a communication from the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nevada, to the effect that he has shipped to your address the following Special Assay Coins, reserved during the month of February, 1874, viz:

Double Eagles	1 piece	value \$20. ⁰⁰
Trade Dollars	1 " "	1. ⁰⁰
Total	2 pieces	\$21. ⁰⁰

Very respectfully,
W. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
Mar 17/74

Advising of the Minister
-ment to the Mint
7 & 21. Special assay
Crus for the Foreign
Mint.

Recd Mar 18/74

Sept
First National Bank,

Geneseo, Ill., 3, 18 th 1871

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the _____ inst. received, with
enclosure.

Respectfully yours,

HIRAM WILSON, Cashier.

I have not as yet received

the small coin order for 14 th
has same been sent

Frist Nat Bank
Geneseo
Ill
March 18/74

Inquiry after Men's
Coin

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

March, 18 1874.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge
the receipt per Express of five (5)
Trade Dollars - Proof Pieces,
ordered on the 16th instant.

Enclosed please find draft
on U. S. Asst. Treasurer at Phila.
for \$6.⁰⁰, the cost thereof, made
payable to your Order.

Very respectfully,
H. Linderman
Director.

Receipt of the Hunt
Mch 18/74

Remitting Henry W. P.
for \$6. for 5 proof
Trade Dollar for-
warded.

Recd Mch 19/74



Worcester County Mechanics Association.

Organized February 5th, 1842. Chartered March 9th, 1850.

WM. A. SMITH, Clerk and Treasurer.

OFFICE: No. 2 Mechanics Hall,

Communications in regard to
use of the Halls may be
addressed to

C. W. WENTWORTH, JANITOR.

Worcester, Mass., March 18 1874.

James Pollock Esq.
Director U. S. Mint Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir.

Please send
me, at your early convenience, 12 Silver
Medals from the Die of the Worcester Co.
Mechanics Association.

Very Respectfully Yours,

Wm. A. Smith. Treasr.

H. A. Smith has
Worcester
Mass

March 18/74

Office of U. S. Assistant Treasurer,

New York, March 18, 1874.

Sir.

In your letter of the 17th inst, relative to the shipment of our light gold coin to the mint, you refer to one of a previous date (March 16) which we have not received.

Will you please send us a copy of the letter of the 16th; that we may know what amount to forward this week.

Wm Jas Pollock
Supt of the Mint.

Very Respectfully
Wm Wallace
Asst. Treas. U.S.

Thos Hillhouse

U. S. Assistant Treasurer.

New York,

Feb 18. , 1874.

Relating to

Wants Copy of
Supt's letter of Feb 16/74
~~about the~~ mis-
-carried - about for-
-warding light gold
Coin for Recoinage.

No. of Enclosures

Rec'd Feb 19/74

Treasury of the United States,

CASH DIVISION,

Washington March 19th 1874

James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia
Pa
Sir

Enclosed Please find \$5.⁰⁰ for
which Please Send me 4 Trade Dollars
Per Express

Respectfully yours
Geo Schermerhorn
U. S. Treasury
Cash Room

Washington
D. C.

March 20/74 Sent by Adams Express &

Order

Gen Sherman

Cash Division

Treasury Dept

Washington

D.C.

March 19. 1874

OSHKOSH POST-OFFICE.

E. HEATH, Post-Master.

Oshkosh, Wis. March 19 1874

Hon. Jas. Peunk.

Wife:

Yours of 16th inst. rec^d & contents
noted.

Am very sorry that patterns are all sold as I would
like a set and had intended to send for them but
was prevented. If any more are struck please send
me a set and inform me of the fact.

Enclosed find P. Order for \$3.50 for which please
send me proof set for '74 -

Will there be more than one style of proof sets
for this year; if so when can the 2^d set be
procured.

Any information in regard to the Silver Comings
of this year will be thankfully rec^d

Yours,
W. P. Coolbaugh.

H. P. Coolbaugh
Oshkosh
Wis

March 19/74

Mint of the United States,

CHIEF COINER'S DEPARTMENT.

Philadelphia, March 19th 1874.

Hon James Pollock,
Superintendent.
Sir;

In reply to the Directors' letter of the 14th inst, in relation to the proposed lettering upon the edge of our gold coin, I have the honor to state that I do not think in the intended experiment it is material whether the diameter of the Double Eagle (\$20.) is retained as at present or increased to cover the height of the letters designed to be placed on the edge of the same.

To practically test the matter here would require new collars - of a different character from those now in use - new tubes &c. &c, and unless the lettering is placed upon the piece before or after striking, new and complicated coining presses would have to be introduced, unless the process of Mr. Allard of Brussels is an invention of which I know nothing, and of which I

can at present form no accurate conception.

For all purposes of experiment therefore I should think the diameter of the Double Eagle (\$20) might be retained, and the letters "added outside of this diameter."

This allusion to the subject by the Director gives me an opportunity of presenting some practical suggestions which have occurred to me on this subject during the past few months, and which I shall be happy to submit at the earliest possible day.

I am Truly

Your Obedt. Servant
Gordon Howard

Comer.

A. Louisa Snowden,
Crinner.

Met 19/74

Reply to inquiry made
of Alister Linderman, as
to the proposed diameter
of the double leaf, if
raised letters be placed
on the edge.

Rev Met 19/74

OFFICE OF

U. S. Assistant Treasurer,

New York, March 19, 1874.

Sir

We have still on hand about \$2000.000. gold coin, which if weighed by the piece, would be separated into coin of less than the legal weight, coin on the poise, and coin of full weight, but defaced or otherwise unmerchantable.

It is similar to that heretofore sent to the Mint, as unfit for circulation, under your verbal instructions, after examining specimens of it here. But as the Superintendent has requested that care be taken to forward only such pieces as are below the standard, I shall await your reply to this before making the shipment.

I suppose that under a strict construction of the law, it was not the

intention to withdraw from circulation
can neither above nor below the standard,
that is of the exact least legal weight, but
practically, though obliged to receive it,
we cannot pay it out, without constant
applications to exchange it, on the ground,
as alleged, that it is light. By outside
tests it probably is, in many instances,
for different scales, or a different adjustment
of similar scales, will give different
results.

In this connection permit me to
call your attention to a communication
to the Department under date of Feb'y 16,
(to which I have not yet had a reply)
relative to the stamping of coins presented for
examination and found light. When
returned for this reason, the holders no
doubt put them in circulation again

Office of U.S. Assistant Treasurer,
New York, March 21st 1874.

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose herewith, copy of a communication to the Director of the Mints under date of the 19th inst, which properly should have been addressed to the Department.

The Director in his reply, expresses the opinion that coin such as that described, should be received, but as the lot contains pieces that are not strictly speaking light, he prefers the Secretary should decide.

Very respectfully,

Thos. Hillhouse,

Asst. Tr. U. S.

The Hon

W. A. Richardson,

Secretary.

Office of U.S. Asst. Treas.
New York
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Mch 21st 1874.
Thos Killhouse,
Asst Treasurer.

Encloses copy of communication to Director of Mint relative to about \$2,000,000. gold coin of light weight.

Mint Bureau.
March 23rd 74.

Respectfully referred to the Secretary of the Treasury.

A. R. Linderman
Director

RE Treasury Department
March 24, 1874

Respectfully referred to the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. for his consideration and reply.

Is there any reason why the coin referred to should not be transferred to the mint in the nature of bullion and its nominal value paid for from the bullion fund, charging the loss, if any, which may accrue from its recoinage in the account for deductions wastage &c. authorized by the letter of the Director of the Mint of June 14/73?

In its present condition the coin is of no use to the Treasury and being of full weight its recoinage can not be authorized under the recoinage clause of the Coinage act of 1873.

M. A. Mulholland
394.
Secretary

and they will continue to circulate, unless
like a counterfeit note, some mark can
be put on them to show that they are
no longer a legal tender for their
nominal or face value.

Very respectfully

Thos Hillhouse

Asst Treasurer

Hon:

W R Linderman

Director of the Mint.

A - 39 - O.D.M.

Office of U. S. Assistant Treasurer,

NEW YORK,

Mar 19, 1874

Thos. Hillhouse

Ass't Treasurer.

In reference to
the recoinage of
\$2,000,000, light
& unmerchandise
sold coin.



No. of Enclosures /,

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Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, March 19 1874

Supt Ullin

Sir

Please have struck as

your early convenience

10 Gold Signed Medals

10 Silver do do

Respectfully
J. M. Bunn

For Mr. Bunn
Philas

March 19/74

Mint of the United States.

ENGRAVER'S DEPARTMENT.

Philadelphia, March 19th 1872.

J. Rollock Esq. Sir

Will you please have struck
Four medals from the "Elliott
die, N.A.S.L. New York, also
three do from 'Suydam, die N.Y.,
all in Silver, and as near as possible
to the same, cost as those made last
year -

Yours Respectly

W^m Barber

Pro N.A.S.L. New York

H. B. Barber
Philae

Lancaster N.Y. Mar 19th 1874

Supt Mint.
Phila.

Sir.

Can you furnish
me with No 1 Size 42. No 39 $\frac{1}{2}$ Size 40.
and No 61. Size 48. as given me in your
circular of bronze medals.

Will any
medals be struck, for the use of collectors
from the Robertson die.

How soon
can proof sets in silver, for the year
1874, be obtained.

I am Yours.

J. Hummell Jr.

F. Hummel
Lancaster
N.Y.

OFFICE OF

U. S. Assistant Treasurer,

New York, Dec 19, 1874.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th inst relative to the shipment of gold coin from this Office to the Mint for recoinage, but as the lot we proposed to send you, is of a mixed character (composed of light coins, coins of the exact least legal weight, and coins of legal weight, but defaced, or otherwise unfit for circulation,) I have thought it best to suspend the shipment for a few days, in order to obtain a reply to a communication I have addressed to the Dept as to the disposition to be made of such pieces.

How

Very respectfully

Jas Pollock

M. H. Miller

Supt of the Mint.

Asst. T. U. S.

Office of U. S. Assistant Treasurer,

NEW YORK,

Mar 19, 1874.

Mrs. Stillhouse

Ass't Treasurer.

*With delay light
gold coins will be
brought from the Repad-
mint.*

No. of Enclosures

Recd Mar 20/74

United States Assay Office,

New York, March 19th 1874

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of
Eleven thousand (\$1,000) dollars in Dimes, on $\frac{1}{2}$ of
Invoice No 2.

Very respectfully

Hon James Pollock

Supt. U.S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa.

A. C. Neten
Supt.

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A.K.

A-2920-U-1-1874.

New York

March 19, 1874

Assay Office U.S.

Ack - Receipt \$11,000.00
Dimes on a/c Dues
No 2.

Rec'd March 20th 1874

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

March, 19th 1874.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

You will please send me
ten (10) Trade Dollars - Proof
Pieces.

Very respectfully,
H. Lindemann
Director.

I am constantly applied to ^{for} trade
dollars by Congressmen & others & must
keep a small stock to supply them promptly
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Director of the Mint
Feb 19. 1874

Wants 10 Trade
Dollars

Recd Feb 20/74

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

March 20 1874.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt US Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th instant, enclosing bills of Moro Phillips for one barrel of bone ash shipped the Assayer in charge of the US Mint at Denver, and to inform you that the account has been referred to the Auditor for settlement.

Very respectfully,
H R Linderman
Director.

Notice of the Court
Met 20/74

Bill of Mrs Phillips
against Anne Hunt
for 1/10th bond
and referred to
1st Auditor for settlement
- Hunt.

Ret Met 21/74

W.A.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

March 20 1874.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of April, 1874, has been approved for the sum of \$30,458.³⁴, from the following Appropriations, viz:

Salaries, _____	1874, _____	\$ 3,158. ³⁴
Wages of Workmen, _____	1874, _____	22,000. ⁰⁰
Contingent Expenses, _____	1874, _____	5,300. ⁰⁰

Very respectfully,
A. B. Lumsden
Director.

Director of the Mint
Mar 20/74

Requisition for
April 1874, rec^d
and approved.

Rec^d Mar 21/74

Storrmen, N.Y. (St Lawrence Co.)

March 28. 1874

Dear James Pollock,

W 8th Wint, Phila Pa.

Dear Sir, Your favor of the 14th
sent in matter of Proof Coin is received & Antelope
noted. Enclosed find Dft on Importers
& Traders Bank for \$7. for which please
send me 2. Set, One set for myself & the
other set for my friend H. A. Egner of
Ogdensburg N.Y. Also 15¢ in Coinage,
for which please send a 5. & 3 Nickel
& a one cent copper and much obliged

Yours Truly

C. A. Russell

P.S.

Send by Express

C. H. Russell
Gouverneur
N. Y.

March 20/74



Boston Mar. 20. 74

James Pollock Esq.
Dear Sir

What amount
in Gold shall I send for 2 Proof
Sets of Silver & Nickel 1874
An early reply.

Will oblige.

Willard A. Rose.

506 Washⁿ St.

March 20/74

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

March 20 1874.

Hon James Pollock, }
Supt U S mint, }
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I will be glad to have you state whether the actual cost of separating bullion $600\frac{1}{2}$ to 750 parts gold, will be more or less than that for separating bullion $750\frac{1}{2}$ to $989\frac{1}{2}$ parts gold - or, in other words, whether it is worth while to make any distinction between the two classes of bullion; or whether it may not, with a due regard to the

law, he embraced in one item in a tariff of charges, as follows:

"Bullion containing 600½ to 989½ parts gold". —

Treating such bullion by itself the same quantity of silver would be required to be dissolved, and I do not see why there should be any difference in the cost.

Very respectfully,
H. Rinderman
Director.

Directs of the Unit
Met 20/74

Enquiries as to the
relative cost of sep-
arating bullets
600 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 750 fine
and
750 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 989 $\frac{1}{2}$ fine

[Reph of M. & R. &
Assays, filed within.]

Rec Met 21/74

R.C.P

Treasury Department,

First Auditor's Office,

March 20th 1874.

Sir:

I return herewith your abstract of Medals sold during the fourth quarter 1873, and respectfully call your attention to an error in the addition as noted in pencil thereon. Has there not been an omission to enter on the abstract medals sold amounting to the difference (\$12.90) in your addition and that of this Office.

Your early attention is requested.

Hon James Pollock
Supt Mint U.S.
Philadelphia

Very Respectfully
J. W. Nicholson
Auditor

D. W. Mahon
First Auditor
Treasury Department
Washington

March 20/74

Relation to error in ad-
dition of Report of Medals
Sold during Quarter
ending Dec 31/73

Imp 29th.

United States Assay Office,

New York, March 20th 1874

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt
of Seven thousand (7000) dollars in Dimes on
1/2 of Invoice No 2.

Very respectfully

O.K. *Atto* Hon^{ble} Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Thos. G. Jones
Supt.

21 P.S.

Report of the late Conference at the Philadelphia
Mint signed and transmitted to the Director this
day.

✓

T. C. G.

A-2921-V-1-1874

New York

March 20. 1874.

Assay Office N.Y.

Ack- Recd \$4,000 in
Dimes on a/c Invoice
No 2. J.S.

Recd March 21. 1874.

Imp
29th

United States Assay Office,

New York, March 21st 1874

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of
One hundred and Ten thousand (\$100,000) dollars in
Gold coin on 1/2 of Invoice No 80. as follows. viz:

Three dollar pieces \$50,000.

One " " 60,000.

and Four thousand four hundred and fifty three ⁵⁴/₁₀₀
(4453 ⁵⁴/₁₀₀) dollars in Dimes. balance of Invoice No 2.

Very respectfully

Wm D Pollock
Supt. U.S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa

Thos C. Gorton
Supt.

✓

A-2922-V-1-1874.

New York

March 21, 1874

Assay Office U.S.

Ack. Rec'd \$110.000 in
Gold coin on a/c Invoice
No 80 - & \$4,453.54 in
Dimes balance Invoice
No 2.

Rec'd March 23^d 1874.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

March 21 1874

Hon James Pollock, }
Supt U S Mint, }
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have yours of yesterday with the enclosed communication from the Coiner of the mint.

I should have explained in my letter of the 17th inst, that Mr Myers in ordering any tools exceeded the authority given him.

He was only to make inquiries upon the subject.

I shall write to Mr Alland, requesting a description of the

tools he proposes to furnish, and the cost thereof, before deciding the matter. The tools which he proposes are, as I understand, to make the viroles, or segment collar, which it is uncertain whether we could use or not in our present coining presses.

Like every other matter connected with coinage, there is a very decided difference of opinion as to how the edge of the coin should be protected. My chief design in having the matter experimented upon, is because of the recent invention of the drop or vacuum process of making dies; and the possibility of being compelled, in consequence

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thereof, to put something around the edge of the coin requiring lateral pressure in the operation of striking, which, as I understand it, could not be successfully imitated by the drop process.

While I have no decided views upon the subject, I deem it advisable that some experiments should be made at the mint with a view to ascertain whether the segment collar can be adopted to our coining presses, and if not, in what other way the lettering can be accomplished.

I shall delay writing to Mr Alland for a few days, in order to ^{allow the Coiner to} make such further reply

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as you & he may deem necessary.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Director of the Mint
Mch 21/74

Awaits further state-
ments from the
Coiner before writing
Mr. Alland, Berlin,
Prussia, about ma-
chinery to put raised
letters on the Edge of
our Coins.

Recd Mch 23/74

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

March 21 1874.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt US mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

The arrangement agreed upon by the officers of the Philadelphia mint and of the assay office New-York, as given in their report of the 14th instant, in reference to the preparation and transmission of bullion to the Philadelphia mint and its receipt thereat, will be observed until otherwise ordered.

A certified copy of the

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arrangement is herewith transmitted.

Very respectfully,

H. Reinderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
Mch 21/74

Enclosing copy of
approved arrangement
agreed upon Mch 14/74
for the receipt of
bullion from the N.Y.
Assay Office at the
Philad Mint.

Recd Mch 23/74

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

MELTING & REFINING DEPARTMENT,

Philadelphia, 21 March. 1874

Hon. James Pollock

Suptdt. U. S. Mint at Phila

Dear Sir,

In response to your wish to look into the charges for refining gold, as stated in the Director's letter of the 20th Inst., I remark:

1. That the question of cost rather refers to the kind of alloying metal than to the proportion.
2. That we put nearly the same amount of silver to the gold to be refined, & that for the present purpose it will only be necessary to consider the cost of removing the alloying metal, without reference to the silver we add.
3. We may consider the alloying metal to be either silver or copper; and I herewith present the cost of acid for removing the alloying ^{metal} from 1000 oz. bullion, of 650^m and 850^m of fineness respectively, the alloy being either silver or copper

Whole charge for refining 1000 oz. @ 5¢ \$50.00

1. Cost of acid for the 350 oz. alloy in 1000 oz
bullion of 650 fineness in gold.

When alloy is silver, the cost is 40 lbs. acid @ 10¢ = \$4.00

" " " copper " 135 " " " 13.50

2. Cost of acid for the 150 oz. alloy in 1000 oz
bullion of 850 fineness in gold

When alloy is Silver, the cost is 17½ lbs. acid @ 10¢ \$ 1.72

" " " Copper " 57 " " " 5.70

∴ The greater cost of refining the 650m. bullion

when the alloy is silver, is \$ 2.28

" " " copper " \$ 7.80

Therefore when the alloy is silver the difference is slight,
but when copper, \$7.80 forms a considerable ratio of the
whole charge of \$50=.

It appears to me therefore that it is undesirable
to alter

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MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

MELTING & REFINING DEPARTMENT,

 Philadelphia, _____ 1874

to alter the established rates, which are low enough
to be certain of falling within the intent & word of the
law, to charge according to the cost.

Respectfully yours
J. C. Booth

I concur in the above

W. E. DuBois
Assayer

Jan L. Booth with
Mar 21/74

Reply to Director in-
quiring of Mar 20, with
regard to the Cost of
Separating Bullion
600½ to 700 fine &
also
750½ to 989½ —

Recd Mar 21/74

M. Burns, Pres^t

J. Cooley, Ass^t Cash^r

W. C. Butterfield, Cash^r

First National Bank
of Nashville, Tennessee.

Nashville, ~~March~~ 1874

Jas. Pallock Esq.,

Cashier Superintendent

Enclosed herewith for as follows.

Yours Respectfully

J. Cooley
Cashier

My 18th inst receipt
would thank you to send
us 5 & piece

First Nat Bank
Nashville
Tenn

March 21/74

Wants 5 pieces

Hon^{ble} James Pollock

Philad^a March 21st 1874

Director U.S. Mint

Philadelphia

Sir,

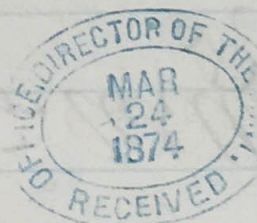
We the undersigned offer as our bid for the Metal
(Copper & Nickel) offered for sale by Circular Twenty four
cents per lb (24^{cts})

Respectfully

Thos Varrington & Co

Approved and Accepted
Borden
Director U.S. Mint

530 - O.D.M



Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

March 24 1874.

Hon James Pallock,
Supt US Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

I return herewith, approved,
the bid of Messrs Thomas Har-
rington & Co, for residue copper
and nickel offered for sale
by circular from your office.

Very respectfully,

W B Underman

Director.

Director of the Mint
Mch 24 / 74

Returns approved the
bid of Thomas
Starrington & Co for
residue of copper
and nickel, at 24
cents per lb.

Recd Mch 25 / 74

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

March 23 1874.

How James Pollock, {
Supt US mint, {
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of ten (10) trade dollars, as advised by your letter of the 20th instant, and enclose herewith US Treasurer's draft on the Asst Treasurer at Philadelphia, # 4236, for ^{\$}12⁰⁰ in payment thereof.

Very respectfully,

A. R. Linderman

Director.

Director of the Mint
Mar 23/74

Enclosing U.S. Treas.
Check for \$12. for
10 Trade dollars, sent
by express.

Recd Mar 24/74

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

March 23^d 1874.

Sir

Please furnish this office,
with a detailed statement, showing
the amount of light gold coin
received, remelted, and re-coined during
the months of January and February
1874, and the loss on the same.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint U.S.

Philadelphia.

Director of the Mint
March 23/74

Wants statement of the
amount of light gold
coin received, re-
melted and recoin-
ed during January and
February, and the loss
thereon.

Recd Mar 24/74

Detroit Mich

March 23rd /74

Supt U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir

Will you please send
me a descriptive price list
of U. S. coins and medals?

Do you send coins by
mail or express? (small packages)
and ~~at~~ are they prepaid
or not?

Yours Respectfully

Robert M. Pugh
5- Hodges Block
Detroit

Mich

Circular Sent

March 25/74

7KV

Robt M. Zug
Detroit
Mich

March 23/74

Troy March 23 1874

Superintendent of Mint

Dear Sir

Has there been any Silver Dollars of 1874 except the Trade Dollar. Has there been any Half dimes or Three cent silver pieces of 1874 or Two cent Copper of 1874 —

Should I send for most of the Copper Medals would it make any difference in the price. I am thinking of adding more medals to my collection, I have among my coins the Colonial piece, Nova Constelatio Immune Columbia, in silver, I only speak of this as a Gentleman from Philadelphia told me he thought that there was not any in the mint. I am thinking of purchasing a set of Napoleon medals, can

you direct me who to write
& also how many pieces does
it contain. and about what
the price would be. Please excuse
me for putting you to this trouble.
Can a 1794 Silver Dollar be procured
at the mint and if so what would
be the price. Respectfully Yours
Gardner Rand
Troy N.Y.

On the last package of Ten Dollars
received from you the Express Co
charged One Dollar. when I send
again can I arrange in any way
to save the return Expressage I should
prefer to send a draft G.R.

Gardner Rand

Troy

A. G.

March 23/74

29th

United States Assay Office,

New York, March 23rd 1874

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Twenty eight thousand & sixty three $\frac{82}{100}$ (28.063 $\frac{82}{100}$) dollars in Gold, dollars, balance of Invoice No 80. and Thirty thousand (30.000) dollars in Half dollars, on $\frac{1}{2}$ of Invoice No 90.

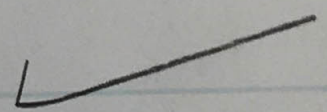
Very respectfully
for Superintendent

Wanda Pollock
Supt. U.S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

J M E Lloyd
Chief Clerk

W. R. Lloyd

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A-2923-V-1-18/4

New York

March 23/44

Assay Office

ack-Recpt \$28,063.82
Good Dollars balance of
Invoice no 80 & \$20,000
in 1/2 Doves in a/c (no
no 90.)

Recd March 24, 18/44

JAS. McBROOM, Prest.
S. T. HUME, Vice Prest.

H. WILSON, Cashier.
JOHN P. STEWART, Ass't Cashier.

First National Bank

OF

Geneseo, N.Y. Mar. 23rd - 1874

James Gallopa Esq Supr
Dear Sir

~~Inclosed find for collection and credit~~
~~to my account.~~ I am of 21st in relation
to small coins received. They have
not as yet been received.
It would seem as if there
must have been some mistake
either in the directions, or else
the express Co must have
forwarded to wrong destination.
Perhaps to Geneseo N.Y.
Will you please call the
attention of the Co to the
fact, and ascertain if
something cannot be done
to trace same.

Yours truly John P. Stewart
Abush

March 9

Frist Nat Bank
Geneseo
Ill

March 25/74

Inquiry after Mina
Coin

MS
Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

March 25 1874.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The nomination of Miss Mary
E. Brewell, as Adjuter, in the Coiner's
department of your institution, at
a compensation of $1\frac{75}{100}$ per diem,
vice Mrs. E. H. Sevier, resigned, sub-
mitted in your letter of the 24th inst.
is hereby approved, to take effect
April 1. 1874.

Very respectfully,
H. B. Anderson
Director.

Director of the Mint
Feb 25/74

Approving appt of
Miss Mary E. Preswale
as Adjuster, from the
1st of April 1874, at
\$175 per diem, ~~and~~
Miss E. St. Lewis
resigned

Recd Feb 26/74



Boston. Mar. 25. 74

James Pollock Esq.
Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed
gold check for Six Dollars in payment
for two sets of Silver N. & C. proof sets
of 1874. - If there are Trade Dollars
for the same date please send two
in the same package C.O.D. charging
all extra expense &c. - If you do not
wish to send in this way please send
me the amount they will cost, and
will send at once.

An Early reply.

Yours Resp.
Willard A. Bove

506 Washⁿ St.

Willard A. Vose,
506 Washington

Boston
Mass

March 25/74

Proof Setts

Sent per Adams Express
March 26/74

L. F. W.

Int
29th

United States Assay Office,

New York,

March 25th 1874

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt
of Twenty thousand (20.000) Trade Dollar pieces
on ac of Invoice No 14.

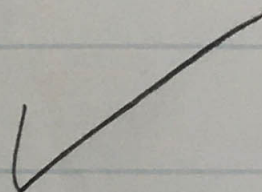
Very respectfully

Hon Jas. Pollock

Supt. U.S. Mint

Philadelphia. Pa.

Thos. H. Betts
Supt.



W-2924-V-1-1874.

New York

March 25, 1874

Assay Office U.S.

ack Rec'd 20000 -
T. D. pieces on apc dms
No 14,

Rec'd March 26, 1874.

J. E. Spring, Pres.

Wm. A. Winship, Cash.

Casco National Bank

Capital \$800,000.

Portland, Me. Nov 26 1874

Treas. U.S. Mint

Dear Sir

In
examining a ^{\$}500 bag of nickels
just received from the mint
I was somewhat surprised to
find the enclosed. How numerous
such coins are I do not know
hence the curiosity to enquire
of you concerning the origin
of this and how it came in
possession of the mint

Very Truly Yours

Wm. D. Small

Paying Teller

Paying Teller
Casc. Nat Bank
Jm L Small
Portland

me
March 26. 1874

Enclosing token
received in lot coins
from the Mint.

Recd Mch 28 1874

Int

2/29/75

United States Assay Office,

New York, *March 26* 1874

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt
of Thirteen thousand (13,000) Trade Dollar pieces on
ac of Invoice No 14.

Very respectfully

OK
W
Hon Jas. Pollock

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa

Thos. C. Nelson
Supt.

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C-2925-V-1-1874.

New York

March 26. 1874.

Assay Office U.S.

Acc. Recpt 13.000 D.D.
pieces on a/c Lno No 14.

Recd March 27/1874.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

March 26. 1874.

Hon James Pollock,
Superintendent US Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

I enclose for your information a copy of the report of Prof Schirmer, containing the results of his observations respecting the treatment of bullion at the Phila. mint and assay office New-York.

Very respectfully,
H. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
Mar 26/74

Forwards copy of
Assays Schirmer's
(Klemm) report of
his observations of
the treatment of
Gold & Silver at
the Phil. Mint
- N.Y. Army Office.

Recd Mar 27/74

Copy

New York, Feb'y 26th 1874,
Hon H. R. Linderman
Director U.S. Mint
Washington D.C.
Sir;

In accordance with your written instructions of date the 15th inst relative to examining into the method of melting silver bars at the Assay office in New York, and their suitability for coinage in connection therewith, as also to ascertain the cause of the differences in value when re-assayed in Philadelphia, I visited the Mint at Philadelphia first, and selected a lot of 49,693.70 oz and caused it to be melted under my direct and personal supervision, using no fluxes, nothing but powdered charcoal.

During the process of melting, scums would arise to the surface which might have indicated some extraordinary element in the melt, but the result of a qualitative analysis gave only silver, copper partially oxidized with traces of lead and no other metals or metalloids.

I subjoin comparative table of results by which you will observe there was a small loss in the remelt (not being $\frac{1}{10}$ of 1%) and that the average fineness was increased from 916 $\frac{1}{2}$ at New York

to 917½ at Philadelphia. the total difference being only (\$9.49) Nine dollars and forty-nine cents in a lot of \$59,723.45

Special deposits of Silver from U.S. Assay office N.Y.
New York Philadelphia.

Gross Wt.				Fineness	Gross Wt. before melting				Wt. after melting		Fineness	
No	ounces	dec			No	ounces	dec		ounces	dec		
438	4	635	05	939	108	4	635	10	4	625	75	942
9	4	263	30	928	9	4	263	35	4	253	30	928½
1	4	466	85	919½	110	4	467	05	4	448	90	922½
2	4	448	75	937	1	4	448	80	4	444	35	939
3	4	408	65	911	2	4	408	65	4	497	65	912½
8	4	637	65	916½	3	4	637	70	4	536	35	916½
9	4	403	20	906	4	4	403	30	4	389	65	906
10	4	740	75	909	5	4	740	80	4	735	30	910
11	4	305	65	901½	6	4	305	80	4	298	30	902
12	4	740	10	905	7	4	740	20	4	735	20	905½
13	4	643	75	909½	8	4	643	80	4	575	35	910
15										102	30	895½
Total	49	693	70		Total	49	694	55	49	642	40	

Average Fineness 916½ Average Fineness 917½

Weight before melting Phila 29,694.5530

Weight after melting " 29,642.40

Add grains & sweeps 770 49,650.10

Loss in melting 13.0 44.45

Gr value N.Y. 59,713.96, Gr value Phila \$59,723.45

Difference \$9.49

This result was as satisfactory as could

be expected in consideration of the quantity of metal treated, and I have no reason to suppose that had other lots been selected and the operation repeated many times perhaps small differences would have been found such as might occur in any Assay Office.

In examining the records of former melts at Philadelphia, I selected some lots where wide differences were shown as will be observed by an examination of the following comparison table.

Special deposits of Silver from U.S. Assay Office New York
Invoice No. 72, 76, 87, & 89.

New York					Philadelphia				
No.	Grains	Weight ounces	die	Fineness	No.	Wt. after melting	ounces	die	Fineness
245	4	493	40	925	511	4	493	85	922 1/2
246	4	449	50	904	12	4	446	40	901 1/2
240	3	913	15	911	580	3	906	05	909 1/2
280	4	254	25	907	4	4	249	80	903
281	4	104	15	901 1/2	5	4	098	40	899 1/2
231	3	392	30	903	243	3	390	65	902
390	4	380	35	941	65	4	373	70	940
Total	28	987	10		Total	28	958	85	
Average Fineness				914	Average Fineness				911 1/2

Invoice No 2 Jan'y 1874.

419	4	359	60	914 1/2	53	4	342	85	914
423	4	364	80	925 1/2	56	4	357	35	922 1/2
Total	8	724	40		Total	8	700	20	
Average Fineness				921 1/2	Average Fineness				918

Your attention is directed to the fact shown by the table that there was considerable loss in re-melting, whilst the fineness is shown to have been considerably less.

These facts I selected with the expectation of getting some slips or remnants of the same samples in New York, by which my efforts in the investigation might be aided, but on my arrival there I found that everything had been cleaned up, and therefore, was not able to carry my examination far enough back in the past to satisfactorily account for the discrepancy or differences formerly made between the two offices.

In examining the melting process in New York, I found the mode of working the same as is customary and usual in mints and institutions of the kind, using the same fluxes, saltpetre, borax, and soda with the addition of bone ashes in case the precious metal contained lead.

At both offices the same methods are practiced, and I cannot detect any defects in the manner of melting at either institution.

As regards the suitability of the bars cast in New York for coinage, I would say that in many cases they are not in a proper condition for that purpose.

as it is ^a well known fact that a very small percentage of any foreign substance, either chemically combined with the copper, or as an alloy, renders the ingot brittle and therefore unfit for coinage.

No good reason can be assigned why these interfering foreign substances cannot be eliminated at the New York office, and the bars made directly adaptable to mint use, by the addition of copper to standard, in the same manner as is now done at Philadelphia, and it may be further said that if remelting was wholly dispensed with the discrepancies and differences now so annoying to both offices, could be avoided and a large item of expense saved to the Government.

I am very respectfully

Yours obedient servant
Jacob F. L. Schinner,

(Signed)

Mint Bureau

Feb 26/74

(Copy)

Report of Jacot &
L. Schirmer, & Assays
of the Mint at Denver
of his observations of
the treatment of
Gold and Silver at
the Phil^a Mint, and
the N. Y. Assay
Office.

Recd Feb 27/74

All Official Letters to the Department proper must be addressed to the "Secretary of the Treasury," and in replying to Letters from the Department the initials on the upper left hand corner should be referred to.

R&S

Treasury Department,

Washington, D. C., March 26, 1874.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Treasurer of the U.S. to forward to you the extra 'Field Medal' now among the special deposits in the vaults of his office. Upon its receipt you will please remelt it and deposit its coin value with the U.S. Assistant Treasurer at Philadelphia to the credit of the Treasurer of U.S. as a 'Miscellaneous receipt' forwarding the original certificate of deposit to this office.

Very respectfully
Wm. A. Richardson
Secretary

James Gallock Esq

Superintendent U.S. Mint
Philadelphia
Penn.

Sesly Keating
(Richardson)

Feb 26/74

The Extra "Field
Medal" in honor
of Rear. U.S. will be
sent to the Mint
to be melted down
& proceed deposited
with Asst Rear U.S.
at Phila^a

Recd Feb 27/74

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, March 26 1874

Supt U S Mint

Sir

Please have struck at your
early convenience five bronze St Johns
Commandery Medals.

Chas. Carroll Burns

Reader

Chas. C. Burns
Phila.
March 26/74.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

March 26 1874.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U S Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter received from the Supt of the mint at San Francisco, in relation to a discrepancy in the number of special assay coins forwarded to your mint for the calendar year 1873, and will thank you to explain how the difference in the number of pieces arises.

Very respectfully,
W B Undermyer
Director.

Director of the Mint
Feb 26/74

San Francisco Mint
Comptroller of being
1 Trade Dollar sent
in return for special
assay coins for 1873

1 Enclosure

Recd Feb 27/74

Copy

The Mint of the United States at San Francisco.
Office of Superintendent.
San Francisco, Cal. March 17th 1874.

Sir:

The records of this Mint show that six (6) Trade Dollars and two (2) Half Dollars, in all seven (7) Dollars were forwarded to the Philadelphia Mint as special Assay Coins for the calendar year 1873.

The statement of Assay Coins to our credit sent in your letter of Feb'y 19, 1874 for the past year exhibits the receipt at that Mint of only six (6) Dollars special Assay Coins, I have drawn as advised for values exhibited in statement received - and find a discrepancy in our bullion a/c of the sum of one dollar above referred to. Please examine the subject and in the event of seven Dollars special assay coins having been received from this mint, I will thank you to cause the balance to be remitted in the manner most convenient.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director ^{of the} Mint, Washington, D.C.

Very respectfully
O. H. LaGrange
Sup't.

Mr

Treasury of the United States,

CASH DIVISION,

Sir,

Washington March 27th 1874

I forward to you this day, per Adams Express, the duplicate of the gold medal presented to Cyrus M. Field. Weight 546 parts. Enclosed in pearl and gold mounted case.

This is sent in accordance with the instructions of the Secretary of the Treasury, who direct that the Medal be sent you in order that it may be melted, and its coin value deposited with the U. S. Assistant Treasurer at Philadelphia, as a "Miscellaneous Receipt."

Hon^{ble} Sec^y Pollock Very Respectfully
Superintendent U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa

A. J. Kimball
Assistant

Heads. U. S.

March 27/74

Forwarded by
Express duplicate
by Mrs. W. Field
Medal, to be melted
& deposited, or per
Sec'y's letter
March 26/74

Rec'd March 28/74

HANNA & CO.

H. M. HANNA.

G. W. CHAPIN.

53 River Street,
Cleveland, O. March 27 1874

Sir,

Could I, by enclosing the amount in
currency with premium, obtain the three,
five, and ten cent silver coinage from
1873 to 1865 inclusive? An early answer
will much oblige

Very Truly Yours

Frank S Lusk

53 River Street

To the

Director of the Mint
Philadelphia
Pa

F. S. Lusk

Clarks

Ohio

March 27 1874

Imp
O/S
29th
United States Assay Office,

New York,

March 27th 1874

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of
Twenty five thousand (25.000) dollars in half dollars
on ac of Invoice #90, and Ten thousand (10.000) Trade
dollar pieces on ac of Invoice #14.

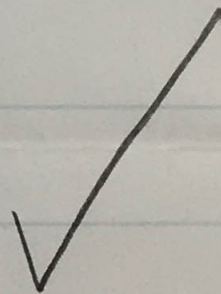
Very respectfully

Wm James Pollock

Supt. U.S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa.

Thos. C. Acton
Supt.



A-2926-D-1-18/4.

New York

March 27/18/4

Assay Office U.S.

Ack-Recd \$25,000 1/2 Dollars
on a/c No 90 - and
10,000 D. pieces on a/c
Invoice No 14,

Recd March 28. 18/4.

Philadelphia Mar 28/74

Hon James T. McKim

Supt. U.S. Mint

Philada. Pa

Dear Sir

My Daughter tenderly
to you her resignation as an
adjutor in the Mint and
is now at School.

Thanking you
in her behalf for the position
which you so kindly
gave her I am

Yours truly
A. D. Underman

Miss Sinderman
Mch 28/74

Resignation of
adjutant.

Recd Mch 30/74

Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

Washington, D. C., Mar. 28, 1874.

Hon. James Pollock,
Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of 17th instant, inclosing list of medals, &c, in compliance with my request of 16th, has been received.

Referring to said list, you will please forward, per express, to my address, the following: Nos. 47 to 60, incl.; No. 66 - of which you say there are some on hand; Nos. 72, 75 and 78, struck in "copper bronzed", amounting to \$30⁰⁰, for which sum please find inclosed a draft in your favor.

Very respectfully,

your obt. servant,
J. W. Gerflinger Esq.

Please address:

J. W. Gerflinger,
Care W. L. Brauhall and Co.
#607 Seventh St., N. W.
Washington,
D. C.

G. W. Zerklinger Esq
Washington
March 28/74 D.C.

Medals

Sent per Adams Express
April 4th/74

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

March 28 1874.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt US Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

I have to request that you inform me at your convenience as to the progress made in the erection of the apparatus for the separation of metals by the "Miller Chlorine Process"; and as to the time when we may expect the same to be in operation.

Very respectfully,

H. Rinderman

Director

whether the above process shall be employed or not. I leave to the discretion of yourself & the M & P. If not adopted we shall be compelled to put up the existing change to correspond with the expenses of the

question by the mint apparatus

Wm. L. of the Mint
Mar 28/78

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Enquiries as to the
progress made in the
preparation to use
Mittler's Chlorine
process.

[M & R's answers
filed herein]

Recd Mar 29/74

Imp
a/2927

United States Assay Office,

New York,

March 28th 1874

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt
of Fifteen thousand (\$5000) dollars in Half
dollars, on $\frac{1}{2}$ of Invoice No 90.

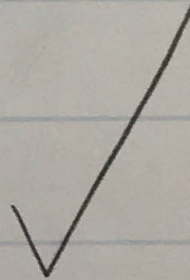
Very respectfully

Hon Jas. Pollock

Supt. U.S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa

Thos. C. Peterson
Supt.



W-2927-V-1-1874.

New York

March 28. 1874

Assay Office N.Y.

ack- Recd \$15,000 1/2 Dollars
on a/c Invoice, No 90.

Recd March 30. 1874

Collins, Snider & Company

S. G. Collins

Jacob Snider

J. H. Jones

BANKERS

J. F. L. Schirmer

Hiram Witter

F. J. Ebert

Denver, Mo 30, 1874

Capt. W. T. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

Dear Sir:

Can you inform us
what your rates are for coining
Silver? In January our
Mr. Snider called at the
Mint and if we mistake not
Gov. Pollock informed him that
cost of coining was $\frac{1}{5}$ of 1%.

* " " & marking $\frac{1}{2}$ " "
but we are advised by Western
Nat Bk that the cost far ex-
ceeds this.

Respectfully
Collins, Snider & Co

Collins, Snyder & Co.
(Bankers) New York
Dec 30/74

Inquire the paring
and coinage charges
on Silver Bullion.

Recd Apr 4/74

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

March 30 1874.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt US Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

In reply to the inquiry contained in your letter of the 23rd instant, as to the disposition to be made of the remaining seven photographs of Professor Agassiz, I have to state that one copy each may be retained for yourself, the Assayer, Melted and Refined and coined, and the other three copies returned to this office. Very respectfully,

H. Linderman

The above is by direction of Mr. S. H. H. Director.

Directs of the Board
Met 30/74

Return 3 Agassiz
photographs to the
Director, and the other
4 to the Supr, assays,
M+N & Coine.

Recd Met 31/74

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

MELTING & REFINING DEPARTMENT,

Philadelphia, 30th March 1874

Hon. James Pollock

Suptdt. U. S. Mint at Phil^a

Dear Sir,

In regard to the employment & value of Miller's Process for Refining gold by Chlorine, I state: That everything is on hand in the Mint to employ the Chlorine Process, but that it has not heretofore been employed, because under present circumstances the old process is cheaper. We have received, and have on hand, and are still occasionally receiving, Silver containing a small amount of gold, which must be parted, and for which parting the depositor of the Silver Bullion has paid, or at least by law ought to pay, & I suppose therefore has paid. When we use such silver for Parting our Gold deposits, it manifestly costs us scarcely more than we have already received, so that our charges on the Gold deposits

for parting ought to be, & I presume are, wholly profit,
or nearly so. Now the Chlorine Process is only adapted
to Gold Deposits, containing scarcely more than one
third Silver, & since these are worked-in with the Goldish
Silver without cost, it would be wrong to spend the cost
of refining by the Chlorine process unnecessarily. The
time will probably soon arrive, when our deposits of Silver
containing a little Gold will cease, and then we shall em-
ploy the chlorine process profitably. We have now on
hand some Goldish Silver, enough for the Gold deposits
for the coming month, at the usual rate of deposit.

The process by chlorine is admirable, when applied
to gold deposits containing a little silver, & should not be
abandoned. I do not understand why we should raise the
parting charge for Gold refining, unless there is no charge
made for refining silver containing gold, which would
be contrary to law. If there be such a charge, then it covers
or nearly covers the cost of refining by nitric acid.

Respectfully yours
Jas Booth, M & R.

Jas. C. Booth
MTR
Mch 30/74

Explaining his an-
+gements for
using Miller's
Chlorine process

Recd Mch 30/74

Dr *92*
United States Assay Office,

New York, *March 30th* 1874

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt
of Ten thousand three hundred & thirteen ¹⁶/₁₀₀ (10,313 ¹⁶/₁₀₀)
dollars in Half dollars, balance of Invoice No 90.

Very respectfully

o.k.
Hon James Pollock

Supt. U.S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa

L. R. G. M.

Supt.

A-2928-V-1-18/4.

New York

March 30. 18/4.

Assay Office N.Y.

ack - Recpt \$10.313.16
in 1/2 dross bal Dross
no 90.

Rec'd March 31. 18/4.

R&V

Treasury Department,

Washington, D. C., March 31st, 1874.

Sir:

Yours of the 30th is at hand. I have instructed the U. S. Assistant Treasurer, at N.Y., to carefully weigh the \$2,000,000 of gold coins referred to in his letter of the 21st instant, which was referred to you, and to forward to you for recoinage such as may be found to be of less than legal weight. The unutilated and defaced coins, which are of legal weight, he has been instructed to retain until some provision can be made to reimburse the Treasury for any loss which may result from its recoinage - should that be determined upon - or from ^{its} transfer to the bullion fund.

Very respectfully,

Wm. A. Richardson
Secretary.

Hon. James Pollock,
Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Secretary Treasury
~~Director of the Mint~~
Mch 31/74

Asst Treas at N.Y.
will select and
forward light gold
coin for recoinage.

Other objectionable
coin will be retained
until some arrange-
ment can be made
to come the Govt.

Recd. April 1/74

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

March 31 1874.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U S mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

Deposits of United States gold coin of legal weight will not be received by the mints or assay-office New York for re-coinage or for conversion into bars.

Very respectfully,
H. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
Mar 31 /74

United States
~~eight~~ gold coin
of legal weight
will not be received
for recoinage, or to
be made into bars,
for use of the Treasury
Department.

Recd April 1 /74

JOSEPH B. HANCOCK & CO.

COAL DEALERS,

S. E. COR. NINTH ST. & GIRARD AVENUE,

Philadelphia, *Nov 31st 1874*

Dear Sir

We will furnish Coal for the
U. S. Mint: at the following prices.
Schuylk St-Coal. Broken and Egg @ \$6.75 per ton
2240 lbs.

The Coal will be First quality, free from all
impurities, and promptly delivered in such
quantities as you may direct.

Respectfully

Joe B. Hancock & Co

To
Hon James Pollock
U. S. Mint

JOSEPH B. HANCOCK.

SAMUEL H. ASHBRIDGE.

JOSEPH B. HANCOCK & CO.

DEALERS IN

LEHIGH AND SCHUYLKILL

COAL.

YARD, S. E. COR. NINTH ST. & GIRARD AVE.

BRANCH OFFICES: { 41 N. 7th St., below Arch,
2055 Ridge Av., ab. Jefferson St.

PHILADELPHIA.

JOSEPH B. HANCOCK & CO.

COAL DEALERS,

S. E. COR. NINTH ST. & GIRARD AVENUE.

Philadelphia, Feb 31st 1874

Dear Sir

At our last interview you agreed to accept Proposals. April 1st for furnishing Coal at the "Mint," and we therefore offer one for your consideration. it is as low as any Dealers can furnish Schuylkill Coal, and as such we feel confident that our bid will meet your approval.

We are prepared to deliver any kind or quality having moved into our new yard and stocked it with good Coal only.

Very Respectfully

Joe B. Hancock & Co

To
Hon James Pollock

To Sept

from

Joe B Hancock

offer for coal &

No 25

Apr 1/74

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Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

March 31 1874.

Hon James Pollock, {
Supt US Mint, }
Philadelphia.

Sir: I have received your letter of the 30th inst, explaining the delay in using the "Miller Chlorine Process", and would say in reply that the explanation ^{made & here proposed for the future} is satisfactory and has my approval.

Very respectfully,
H. Linderman
Director.

Widener of the Mount
Mar 31/74

Arrangements for
using Miller's Chlorine
process are satisfactory.

Recd Apr 1/74

James Pollock Esq.

Dear Sir, we
have shipped to you this day
100. Empty barrels in good order,
for which you agreed to allow us
what they were worth to you to
use again. Please remit the
amount for the same and
much oblige.

Yours Respectfully
C. F. Dennis for
per W

March 31st 1874

Freight and Cartage we have
paid

C. S. DENNIS & SON,
Newark Gold & Silver
REFINERY,
AND
SWEEP SMELTING WORKS,
No's. 38 & 40 Walnut St.

Newark, N. J.,

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To our Customers and the Trade.

We take pleasure in announcing that during this year, we have completed, and are now occupying large and well located works. We are now prepared to Assay and Refine Gold & Silver, and to Smelt Jewelers and Silver-smiths Sweepings Polishings &c.

As we endeavor to meet every want in our trade, we would respectfully solicit, and trust to have the continued confidence of our customers and the trade generally. We remain

Yours Respectfully

C. S. Dennis & Son.

***Fine Gold and Silver for Sale. Old Gold and Silver
and Bullion purchased.***

References of Jewelers:

NEWARK, N. J.

DURAND & CO.
E. RICHARDSON & CO.
CARTER, HAWKINS & DODD.
SMILLIE & DORRANCE.
J. W. HAYES & CO.
GREASON, HOLMES & CO.
McINTIRE, CHAMPENOIS & Co.

NEW YORK CITY.

SILLCOCKS & COOLEY.
RANDEL, BARMORE & CO.
V. M. RAMEE & CO.
MABIE, TODD & CO.
A. HOFFMEISTER & CO.
BIBLE SOCIETY.
HARPER BRO'S.

C. S. Dennis & Son
Newark N.J.
Mch 31/74

Returns 100 empty
barrels, to be paid
for, as per agreement.

Recd Apr ²~~10~~ /74

35.75

Expenses — Franks Rf — # 5

Shirts & — 12.25

Paper Teller — 4.36

Good Banell
Candace

54

46

\$ 100

oil casks & —

Chms & — 2.50

Trunk & — 2.80

Office of H. J. Wood,

Clothing at Wholesale,

Nos. 4 & 6 CATHARINE STREET,

Utica, N.Y. March 31 1874

Messrs

Enclosed please
find 25 cts. bal due on
bills. but I fail to
see why it is charged
F. F. Budd

F. F. Budd

Utica

N Y

March 31. 1874

New York 31st March 1874

Dear Sir!

Mr David Wilson of the New York Treasury, a friend of mine, informs me that by writing to you, I can get several small proof sets of last year, and this, one.

I should like to have five proof sets of 1873
copper & nickel coins only ^{1 cent - 2 cent - 3 cent - 5 cent} and five proof sets
of 1874 copper & nickel coins only ^{1 cent - 3 cent - 5 cent}

Please let me know what the price & expenses
are for these small proof sets so that in future
I can send you the correct amount at once
I enclose \$2.⁵⁰ If there is any change in my favor
please return it in package

In case you have no proof sets of 1873 please
send me five uncirculated sets though I hope
you have still some of the proof left.

Thanking you in advance Yours Very Respy

Post Office Address Box 77 or
Care De Rham & Co Bankers by William D. New York

Chas. H. Bechtel

Chas H. Bechtel

New York

March 31/74

W. S. GEORGE & Co.,

STATE PRINTERS AND BINDERS,

Publish the "Lansing State Republican,"

AND DO ALL KINDS OF

BOOK AND JOB PRINTING AND BINDING.

Lansing, Mich.

March 31, 1874

Mr J. A. Collocott

Dear Sir

Will you please inform me,
1st - Can I obtain a proof set for
1874. - 2nd Is the dollar
for 1874 - a trade dollar - and if
so - how much do they cost - separate
from the set - 3rd What is the
value in currency for the 1874 proof
set - 4th Can I buy of you the
1873 trade dollar - uncirculated
I mean - and at what figures.

By answering the above
questions you will much oblige

Yours Very truly
O. A. Francis

O. A. Jenison
Lansing
Mich

March 31/74

Scottish Commercial Insurance Company,

GLASGOW, SCOTLAND,

JAMES M. RANKIN,
Resident Manager.

No. 176 BROADWAY,

W. T. READ,
Assistant Manager.

New York, March 31st 1874

Jhn Lancaster Esq
Dr Sir

I want to make a present
to a friend & have decided upon getting a
^{morocco} can of the gold coins of the United States
such as are prepared at the Mint. The
can contains one of each of the gold
coins packed in little pockets. Do you
know what I mean? They cost I sup-
pose about \$50 - If you can get me
please do so at once & send it to
me by express & as soon as you conveniently
do so,

Yrs truly
James M Rankin

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Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Mar. 31 1874

Sir

While awaiting the Report of the
Comr on the subject of lettering the rim of
the coin, and before writing to Brussels,
I have to request that you inform me
whether one of the required mottoes could
be placed in sunken letters around the
edge by our present machinery, without
any expensive alterations. My object is, that
we should come to a conclusion as to the means
to be employed, in case we should hereafter
conclude to alter the coin in any way.

Very respectfully

A. R. Anderson

Director

Hon. James Pollock

Supt. Mints & U.S.

Philadelphia

Director of the Mint
Mar 31/74

Can mottoes be
placed on the edge
of our coins in
such letters, &
our present ma-
chinery?

Recd Apr 1/74

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1874/MARCH

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1874/MARCH

Denver, Colorado,

March 3, 1874.

Director U. S. Mint;—

Dear Sir,

I sent you a letter some three weeks ago, inquiring if there was any change in the price of proof sets (silver and copper), and also if the Trade Dollar was included, and if not, for how much you would furnish a proof Trade Dollar with the set. I also asked you to send me a Mint Circular relative to proof sets, trial pieces etc. To these inquiries I have received no answer.

I now send you a postal order for \$3.25, the old price. over

Please send me a proof set for 1874, by express; or if the amount I enclose is not sufficient, let me know, and I will send the balance. Also send me a circular.

Yours, &c,

Geo. S. Griffin.

Address P. O. Box 739.

Denver, Colorado,

March 14, 1874

James Pollock, Supt.,

Dear Sir,

Yours of the
9th inst, just received, informs
me that my postal order is 25
cents short of the amount required
for a Silver Proof Set. I there-
fore enclose that amount here-
with.

Yours of Feb. 16th was nev-
er received.

Circular rec'd. Thanks.

Yours &c,

Geo. S. Griffin.

P.O. Box 759.

Geo. S. Griffin
Denver
Col

Gouverneur St Lawrence Co. N.Y.

Hon: James Pollock
Sup: U. S. Mint Phil^a

Dear Sir / Enclosed I send
Dupt for \$3.50, for which
I will be Obliged if you
will send me a set of
proof Coin for 1874.

I want them to add to my
Coin Collection -

Please send by American Express -

Very Respectfully
Yours
Chas. Anthony

Chas Anthony
Governor
A. I.

Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Co.

Hartford, March 3rd 1874

Supt WBS Hunt
Philada Pa

Dear Sir,

Enclosed please find Twenty
Five cts for which please send me two
small sets of proofs of 1874 also enclosed
you will please find a damaged 5c
piece which was sent as a proof piece
some time since to a Mr Hills. and
as he sent for several sets for me I
happened to get the set with the
enclosed piece if you will have the
kindness to exchange with me
you will greatly oblige

Yours Respectfully

C F Houston

P. O. Drawer A

Hartford

Conn

C. F. Houston
Hartford
Conn

March 13/74

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

March 4, 1874.

My dear Sir,

I enclose herewith a
Condensed translation of a letter
presented by the German
Minister, whom it is desirable
to oblige. If you can do so
please send two sets of
proof ^{pattern} ~~specimen~~ made
dollars, also of Sub Silver
Munich coins, to be furnished
the German Minister at the
cost to the Mint. I
have only one set of pattern

hate dollars which I
desire to retain. It will
be well to include two
very hate dollars 1874
in the lot.

Very truly yours
H. R. Linderman

Hon James Brooks

Sept. 4th

Director of the Mint
Mar 4/74

Request that proof
~~sample~~ Trade Dollar
pattern piece & subid-
ing Silver Coins shall
be furnished to the Ger-
man Minister as the
Cust to the Mint.

(1 Enclosure)

Recd Mar 5/74

Berlin Feb. 3. 1874

Excellency,

In the Imperial Mint I yesterday
saw a dollar in Silver: Eagle surrounded by
United States of Am. 420 grains 900 fine, trade
Dollar. Reverse, Goddess of Liberty 1874.

I understand that there are five different
kinds. I wish to obtain two specimens of each,
together with all the subdivisions, from polished
stamps.

Adolph Meyer

To his Excellency C. von Schoezer,
Minister Plenipotentiary &

Troy March 6th 1874
Director of Mint
Dear Sir

Please to send me by express
two proof sets Silver & Copper ¹⁸⁷⁴, also one
Peace Medal. I should like also a
catalogue of coins & medals

Respy Yours

Gardner Rand
No 77 Third St
Troy N.Y.

Gardner Rand
Boy
N Y

Hartford Mch 10/74.

Mr James Pollack Dear Sir

Will you please to send me 4
proof sets of coin 1. 3 & 5 cts.

Will you do me the favor of
selecting sets that are perfect
impressions.

Please send by mail. please
find enclosed 52 cts for the coin &
12 cts for the postage. & oblige yourself
truly Newman Hingoroff.

45 Prospect St
Hartford Ct.

Newton Houghes
45 ProspectSt
Hartford
Ct

March 10th/74

Bar Proof

Ent for mail
March 11th/74

Utica Nch 9/74
Mefrs

Enclosed please
find Three $2\frac{5}{100}$ \$ for which
send me via Express
a set of Proof coins of
this years stamp

Yours &c

Francis F Budd
486 Catherine st
Utica

CVY

Order

Francis F. Budd

Utica

N.Y.

March 9. 1874

Middlesex County National Bank,

Middletown, Conn. *Mehl* " 1874.*Wm. A. Collock*

Director, dear Sir,

enclosed

please find my check for $3\frac{50}{100}$ Dolly.
for which would like to have you send me
a proof set of slips for the current year.
if the sets are not ready yet for
delivery please retain the money & send
when they are ready.

if they are not
ready. should be pleased to have you
inform me when they probably will be.
Sobly

Yours Truly
J. E. Bidwell

Order

J. J. Bidwell

Middletown

Conn

March 6/74

OFFICE OF

Clerk of Circuit and County Courts.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY.

H. B. HARSHAW, Clerk.

Oshkosh, Wis., March 12 1874

Hon Jas^d Pollock.

Sr:

Your letter of the 6th ult.
informing me that you could let me
have set of pattern trade dollars for
1873 - 6 pieces - and proof set for
same year was duly rec^d

Before I had time to answer it
& send for them I was called
away from home on professional
business and have just returned.
I would send amt. in this letter,
but I don't know as you can
now let me have them. If
you can please let me know
& I will remit or if you prefer
you can send them by express

C.O.D. which ever way that
will best suit you.

Yours Respectly

W. P. Coozbrough.

Actual price of patterns was \$15 and
proof set \$3.50

Ans? March 16/74

March 12. 1874

Wm

Josh Rees

W. P. Coozbrough

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

March 13, 1874.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt US Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt by express of two sets of silver pattern pieces of the trade dollar; also two copies in silver of the Annual Assay medal of 1874, and to enclose herewith US Treasurers Receipt on the Asst Treasurer at Phila, #4199, for \$16.52 the amount due.

Very respectfully,
H Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
Feb 13/74

Enclj Receipt
for \$16⁵² in payt
of pattern pieces and
assay medals

Recd Feb 14/74

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

March 13, 1874.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt US Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 12th inst, enclosing report of Professor Booth, Meltor & Refiner, on the losses in melting gold and silver during the month of February last.

The loss in melting silver is very heavy, and if some course cannot be devised to materially reduce it, it will become absolutely necessary to exclude certain classes of silver bullion from

from the Mint. I trust that the official examination now in progress will result in placing this entire business on a basis^{placing} which will leave no uncertainty as to the condition of silver received from the assay office, and secure us a better quality of metal for coinage.

I have to request that you instruct the Melter^{and} Refiner to continue the most active scrutiny and care in his operations, and the results reported as heretofore.

Very respectfully,
H. R. Ransom
Director.

Director of the Mint
Feb 13/74

Ack'y rec'd of M & R's
Statement of losses in
melting gold & silver
in February, 1874; &
requiring continued
vigilance.

Rec'd Feb 14/74



ENOS W. TAFT,

2262
Pam Pam

General Insurance Agent.

To Hon. Jas. Pollock

No. 3 Bank Block, College Street.

Burlington, Vt., 13th March 1874.

Sir

On the receipt of Medals N^o 65 & 66, I discovered that they were struck with "broken dies," a fact which does not appear on the "Medal List." I would ask: Are any of the other Medals, on said List, struck with broken dies, & if so what ones?

I may have occasion to send you a large order soon and would like to be posted.

Can I get all the Medals on the list now?

Have you struck any more of the "Lincoln Broken Column" (Silver) Medals? If you have please send me one by Mail and I will send the pay for it by return Mail.

A word in regard to a letter of mine, some time since, in regard to having a Proof Set struck in Copper, the material to be furnished by myself.

Can I get a Medal struck from said Copper? It is not the value of the material that I care for, but the Copper is a part of a bolt from the "Merrimac" and I would like a Medal struck from the dies of

Medal N^o 1, on the list, to preserve. — Can I get it?

Yours Resp^{tly}

Enos W. Taft

Box 73

212

Sp. 8. hold long a piece of a bolt 7/8 of an inch in diameter with it takes to make the planchet

E. W. Laff
Burlington
Vt

March 13/74

Mr. 2917

United States Assay Office
New York March 13 1874

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt
of Seventeen thousand and ninety one (17,091)
Trade Dollar pieces, and 17⁺ Silver coin, in full
for Invoice No 13.

Very respectfully

Geo. B. Metcalf
Supt.

How J. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

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A-2917-V-1-1874

New York

March 13. 1874.

Assay Office U.S.

Ack-Rec'dt 17.09, D.D.
& .17¢ Silver bond in full
for Invoice No 13

Rec'd March 14. 1874

Baltimore March 14
To the Director of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Dear Sir

I was told today that the coins
for 1874 are ready.
So be kind enough to drop me a
line, and inform me of the cost.
Very respectfully,
D. H. [Signature]

Your obedient servant

D. H. [Signature]

Don't forget
after 12 o'clock

Fairbanks, Benedict & Co.,

EDITORS AND PROPRIETORS OF

The Cleveland Daily Herald,

130 AND 132 BANK STREET.

A. W. FAIRBANKS.
GEO. A. BENEDICT.
WILLIAM CROWELL.
FRANK FAIRBANKS.

Cleveland, O. March 14 1874

Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir

Can you
send me full ^{proof} sets of American
Silver medal and bronze coins
for 1872, 1873 & 1874. If so
how much are they?

Wm Crowell

Wm. Crowell

Cleveland
Ohio

March 14/74

(copy)

U. S. Mint, Philadelphia.
March. 14. 1874.

Hon. H. R. Linderman,
Director, &c. &c.

Sir:

The undersigned, operative officers in the Mint at Philadelphia, and the Assay-Office at New York, have in compliance with your request, and with the wishes of the Superintendents, held a Conference, and made experiments, in regard to the transfer of bullion for Coinage. They believe, that whatever may have been the past difficulties, such bullion, Gold and Silver, can henceforth be sent from the Assay Office, and received and settled for at the Mint, at the invoice weight & fineness as ascertained at New York & duly certified.

It seems unnecessary to detail the experiments which have been made, not only in cross-assays before this conference took place, but also in taking a part of the last invoice of Silver, turning it direct into ingots, & rolling and annealing the ingots. It is enough to say, that we have learned enough from this
most

most important and agreeable conference and consultation, to conclude upon the following arrangement.

1. All the alloyed Silver received at the Assay Office, to be transmitted to the Mint, shall be first made fit for Coinage by toughening; and not be sent unless it is then proved to be ductile. This of course will not apply to remelted coin, free from counterfeits; nor to fine Silver.

2. When the Melter & Refiner at New York takes granulations from these bars for his Assayer, he is to take them for the Mint Assayer also, about 0.20 oz. from each melt; number & weigh them, seal them in a package addressed to the Assayer at the Mint, and send the same along with the proper invoice.

This small amount is to be deducted from the depositor; and not returned to the Assay Office, but turned over (after it is done with) to the M & R at the Mint, as a compensation for contingencies.

3. When this bullion is weighed & invoiced at New York, the same allowances that have heretofore been prescribed shall be made.

4. When the bullion is received at the Mint, it shall be weighed as usual and compared with the invoice; and if no serious error is found, the weight of the Assay Office shall be taken as the true weight. If any such error is found, it must at once be made the subject of correspondence and agreement between the two Superintendents.

5. The Package of Granulations must be delivered to the Assayer, and Assays made forthwith. If no serious disagreement is found, or if there is no manifest want of ductility in any No., the deposit is ready to be settled for at the weight & fineness of the Assay Office. If there is a grave difference, or a brittleness, it must be made, as in the former case, the subject of correspondence and agreement between the two Superintendents.

But in the meantime, to avoid delay
& in reliance upon a future and
early adjustment, the settlement
shall be made at the New York
figures, with the assent of the
M & R at Philadelphia.

6. The duplicate assays, and
any want of ductility, as well as
any special examinations which
the M & R at the Mint may require,
shall be promptly reported to him
& to the Superintendent or his officer
in the weigh-room. The Granulations
shall be held a sufficient time
for this purpose.

7. This mode of proceeding is with
a view to turn such bars into ingots
at once without any intermediate
melting or treatment, but if in any
case that treatment should seem ne-
cessary, the M & R is of course to
use his own discretion, and a
case of unfitness for ingot-melting
is to be reported by him, & adjusted
with the Office at New York.

8. Fine Silver bars will also be taken at New York weight and fineness, but will need no granulations to be sent.

They will be tested at the Mint by cuttings.

9. The same rules will apply to invoices of Gold, which however requires no granulated samples.

The undersigned believe that the foregoing is a settlement of every point at issue, and they take pleasure in saying that their consultations and experiments were conducted in a spirit of frankness and harmony, and with a ruling desire to promote the public service, as well as the interests of depositors.

They therefore request the approbation of the Superintendents and of the Director.

They believe that it is not necessary to make any official Regulations in the matter; but they refer that to the discretion of the Superior Officers.

(Signed)

Very respectfully,

Wm. E. DuBois
Assayer, Mint at Phila.

Jas. C. Booth
Melter & Refiner, U. S. M. at Phila.

A. Loudon Snowden
Corer, U. S. M. at Phila.

Herbert G. Torrey
Assayer, Assay Office, N. Y.

Andrew Mason
Melter & Refiner, Assay Office, N. Y.

Approved:

Jas. Pollock

Supt. Mint at Phila.

Thos. C. Acton

Supt. Assay Office at
New York.

Treasury Department
Office of the Director of the Mint
March 21st, 1874

Approved

(Signed)

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

A true copy:

H. C. Johannes.

March 21, 1874.

U.S. Mint at
Philadelphia
March 14, 1874

(Copy)

Approved ^{arrangement} ~~regulations~~
agreement for the
receipt of bullion from
the N.Y. Assay Office
at the Phil^a. Mint

Copy received
March 22, 1874

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., March 14, 1874.

Hon James Pollock,

Supt. U. S. Mint, Philad. Pa.

Dear Sir,

Hon Samue Hoole,

Chairman Comap Committee, suggests that
a memorial medal of ^{the late} Prof Agassiz be
struck at the mint and added to our
list of public medals. Appreciating as
I do the distinguished services rendered
in the cause of Science by the late Professor,
I feel inclined to give the necessary
authority for the preparation of the medal,
but have some doubts as to our right
to do it under the Coinage act. The
restriction as to making private medals
was intended to prevent the Mint

from competing with private artists, but in
this case there would be no such competition.
The medals would be struck for and on
account of the Medal Fund and the
money realized from its sale paid into to
the U. S. Treasury.

Please favor me with

Your views upon the point presented.

Very Respectfully,
J. Baird Newman
Director.

Director of the Mint
March 14/74

With regard to
striking the medals
for Prof. Agassiz

Recd - March 16/74.

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United States Assay Office
New York March 14th 1874

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Eighty
thousand (80,000) dollars in Eagles on $\frac{1}{2}$ of Invoice
No 80.

Very respectfully

Thos H Acton
Supt.

Hon Jas Pollock
Supt. U.S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

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New York

March 14. 1874.

Assay Office U.S.

ack-Recpt \$80000
in Eagles on a/c Invoice
No 80 —

Recd March 16. 1874.

Office of U. S. Assistant Treasurer,

New York, *Nov 14*, 1874.

Sir.

There on hand \$2000000 of legal gold
coin received since June 30 '1873. which
under previous instructions of the Dept.,
we are to send to the Mint for redemption.
Will it be convenient for you to receive
it next week, and in what amounts?

Hon Jas Pollock
Supt of the Mint.

very respectfully
Wm. H. Miller
(A. W. M. W.)

Assn New York

New York

Mar 14/74

Inquire when the United
note is ready to receive
\$2,000,000. light gold
Coin for recoinage.

Recd Mar 16/74

Minneapolis Minn.
March 13th 1874

Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir

I have a collection of the Copper Coins of the Colonial issues & of those subsequently issued by the U. States. Having removed to this place from the East I have not the facilities here for obtaining the new issues which I had there - Working much to keep up my collection I venture to trouble you with the present request.

I desire to procure 1 set of proofs of the one cent - two cent - three cent and five cent pieces for 1874. and also 7 sets of the

same - I enclose \$1.00 to pay
for them, if you will be so kind as to
send them - Yours Respectfully,
W. C. Bates

H. C. Baker

Minneapolis

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March 13/74

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

March 13, 1874.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U S Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your letter of the 11th inst,
enclosing one addressed to the
Secretary of the Treasury) and
Certificate of deposit for \$39.75
proceeds of thirty discs made for
the Bureau of Ordnance of the
Navy Department, has been re-
ceived, and the letter and C/D
forwarded to the Secretary.)

Very respectfully,
A. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
Mch 13/74

C/s for \$ 3975
for making 30
Silver discs rec^d
& forwarded to the
Sgt. Tracy

Recd Mch 14/74

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

March 13, 1874.

Hon James Pollock,
Supr Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst, enclosing one addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury and two certificates of deposit for one thousand dollars on account of profits of the Medal Fund, and to inform you that the letter and certificates have been forwarded.

Very respectfully,
J. A. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
Mar 13/74

C/S for \$1,000. on
a/c profits of the
Mediterranean Fund, and
forwarded to the
A/c Ready.

Recd March 14/74

The Philadelphia National Bank.

Philadelphia, March 12th 1874

Superintendent U.S. Mint,
Philada,

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly
say when our Friends, Messrs W.S.
Patton, Junr & Co., Danville, Va.,
will receive the Coins for which we de-
posited \$1,000 on 4th inst.

They inquire for them today

Yours Resp,
P. F. Chapman

Philad^a Natl Bk

March 12/74

Inquiry after Minn^{'s}
Coin

300 West Adams St
Chicago Ills

March 12th/93

Sept W. S. Knott
Philadelphia Penn

Sir

I wish

to purchase about
two thousand dollars (\$2000.)
worth of nickels 1¢ - 2¢ - 3¢
or 5¢. Please inform me
the kind of funds necessary
to send you. - also any
other information which
may facilitate my purpose.

Very respectfully

J. E. McNaughton

J. E. Mc Nair
Chicago
Ill

March 12/
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Gouverneur St Lawrence Co. N.Y.

March 12. 1874

Hon James Pollock
U.S. Mint, Phila. Pa.

Dear Sir / would you
please inform me what the expense
(in currency) of a set of Coin of 1874.
Common issue, Consisting of, the following
pieces, to wit, Dollar, Trade Dollar,
fifty cents, 25[¢] 10[¢] 5[¢] 3[¢] in silver
nickel, 5[¢] + 3[¢] + the copper 2[¢] + one
cent - I wish to send for two sets
an answer at your convenience
will much oblige you truly
Chas. Russell

C H Russell
Gouverneur
St Lawrence
Co
N Y

March 12/74

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, March 12 1874

Superintendent
U.S. Mint

Please have made as soon
as convenient, Ten gold Signet Medals
and Ten Silver Signet Medals

Respectfully
J. S. M. Bunn

Order on
Coiner for
Manufacture of
10 Gold & 10 Silver

Dignity Medal
for
James M. Bunn
Phil^a

March 12 1874

BANKING HOUSE

—OF—

Smith & Company.

Paris, Texas, Nov 11th 1874U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa

Gentlemen.

Please find Enclosed two (2) Gold
dollars for which please send us two American
Silver trade dollars - by mail. and oblige
your Obt

Sents

Smith & Company

Smith & Company
Paris
Texas
March 11/94

George D. & Minnie

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BANK OF AMERICA

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

March 11, 1874.

Hon James Pollock, {
Supt us mint, {
Philadelphia.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 10th instant, I have to state that any reasonable time may be taken to ascertain a definite result as to the number of blanks that can be adjusted in a day.

Very respectfully,
W. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
Mch 11. 1874

Allowing reasonable
time to ascertain how
many gold and Trade
Token blanks can be
adjusted in a day by
a female adjuster.

Recd Mch 12/74

(Copy) Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, March 11th 1874

Hon. James Pollock.

Supr. U. S. Mint. Phila

Dear Sir,

I herewith lay before you my Report on the losses in melting gold and silver for the month of Feb'y 1874. You will please observe that the average wastage .001.99 is far above the legal allowance of .001.50. and above the average of the last nine (9) months, viz. .001.30. It is true that the sweeps, assay slips, and some grains are likely to reduce the above wastage below the legal allowance; it is nevertheless far too great, causing loss of so much wastage to the government account, and demands that I should show a reasonable cause of loss.

I have long complained of the bad quality of silver bullion received from the New York Assay office, and urged the importance of partial refining before attempting to use it directly for coinage. The officers in the N.Y. Assay office could not understand why the metal should be faulted, when an assay chip rolled without difficulty or defect. We observed the same result here, that often, when a chip would roll well, a whole melt would be condemned for brittleness. For this reason, that so much N.Y. metal was returned to me by the Coiner as unfit for coinage, and the remelt was a double cost to the Government, both for remelting and wastage. I commenced refining the N.Y. Assay office silver to a very moderate extent, so as to fit it for coinage. The melting wastage was

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much lessened thereby. In the act of refining in the pot. it is impossible, by any known method, to avoid the absolute loss of some silver, and although I invented a method, which was successful, of lessening the loss, yet even this loss was seriously complained of by the Assay office, upon the allegation that it was excessive, that there was some error in the assay, that there was no base metal in their bullion, &c. Pending the investigation of this subject, I tried to lessen the losses in melting the N.Y. silver, by avoiding fluxing losses, and the consequence of leaving the bebrittling metals in in the silver is seen in the excessive losses in melting such silver through

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the greater part of Feb'y. The loss of hundreds of ounces by the Government. (See Table)

The silver in the Table is that deposited during the latter part of December 1873. And the first half of Jan'y 1874. The silver melted during the first half of Feb'y is one half the melted bars of the N. Y. Assay office, and one half clippings. and the losses in the Table speak for themselves. The silver melted during the last half of Feb'y is wholly clippings (with slight exception) that is, it is that silver of the former half of Feb'y. which had been accepted by the coiner, rolled, and coin cut from it. Yet the losses from it are severe, though less than the former. Observing evidences of base metals even in melting and casting the clippings, which had been already

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melted at least twice before in the Mint, I ordered the Foreman to gather these evidences of impurity and submit them to the Assayer for testing. The Assayer reported strong evidences of sulphur, full traces of bismuth, traces of antimony and faint in lead. These facts show conclusively that so much base metal remains in the silver bars received by us from the N. Y. Assay Office as to render them very unfit for coinage, and that, to save loss to the Government, they should be fitted for coinage where the silver is deposited, and at the expense of the Depositor.

The losses to the Government in working such silver without previous refining are more than at

first sight appears, for every time silver is melted, there is unavoidable loss, and the greater in proportion to impurity, especially in the presence of arsenic, antimony and bismuth. It is melted and cast into ingots with loss. it is much oftener condemned by the Assayer as not standard, because foreign metals cause irregularities in composition, hence this must be again melted with loss. - much of that which passes the assay is condemned by the Coiner as blistered, brittle, hard &c, and must again be melted with loss. (so bad has the metal been of late,) that the Coiner has returned three fourths and more, instead of the usual one-half, as clippings.)

I trust that the explanation I have given of the cause of the

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unusual losses, in Leby, may be
satisfactory, as they occurred day
after day, we redoubled our obser-
vations and our exertions to dis-
cover the sources of loss and to
abviate them. The only feasible
method is to make bullion thoroughly
suitable for coinage, where it is
deposited, in order that the depos-
itor may bear the necessary loss
of working, as the Director has
expressed it.

Very truly yours
(Signed) Jas. C. Booth
Metter & Refiner.

James C. Booth *MSB*
Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, *MSB* Feb 11. 1874

(Copy)

No. of Papers,

Subject, Explanatory of
his tabular state-
ments of losses
in melting gold
and silver during the
Month of February, 1874.

Rec'd Feb 11/74

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29/5

United States Assay Office,

New York,

th March 9 1874

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of
Fifteen thousand five hundred and sixty one (15,561)
Trade dollar pieces, and .50^{ts} in Silver coin, balance
of Invoice No 11.

Very respectfully

Hon^{ble} Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia. Pa.

Thos. C. Weston
Supt.

✓

Correct

103

A-2915-V-1-1874.

New York

March 9, 1874

Assay Office U.S.

Acc^t Rec^d: 15,561.82 D.
pieces 1.50 of Silver Coin
Balance Invoiced 7011.

Rec^d March 10th 1874.

Verdunns V. March 10th 1874

James Pollock Supt. U.S. Mints

Dear Sir Please find one Gold Dollar
to one half doll. Silver for which will
You please send me a proof Gold Dollar
for 1874 to much Oblige Yours

Respectfully Des. ^{Wm} F. Young

March 10/74 Sent by Mail

1. Gold proof doll

25c in Currency for

thereabout 1.50

Benj^r F. Young

Wergemo

VT

March 10. 1874

Re.^d

March 10/74

ORIGINAL.

No. 17478

United States Assay Office,

New York, March 10 1874

Received from the U. S. ASSAY OFFICE at New York, for transportation and delivery to the U. S. Mint, at Philadelphia, Thirty boxes Silver bullion, of the net value of Seventy five thousand four hundred & fifty eight $\frac{77}{100}$ Dollars, returnable in Trade Dollars

\$ 75,458 $\frac{77}{100}$ S. C.

L. D. Pasmore

For the Adams Express Company.

Imp 29/6

United States Assay Office,

New York, March 10 1874

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of
Twenty thousand six hundred & twenty eight (20,628)
Trade dollar pieces and .97^t in Silver Coin in full,
for Invoice No 12, and enclose Express Receipt and
Invoice No 17, of twenty five (25) boxes deposit Silver
payable 59,369 Trade Dollar pieces & .09^t Silver Coin
also Invoice No 18 of five (5) boxes Fine Silver
payable, 13,714 Trade Dollar pieces and .48^t Silver
Coin.

Very respectfully

Hon Jas Pollock

Supt. U.S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa.

Thos E. Adams

Supt.

✓

Enclosed
9/11

A-2916-U-1-1874,

New York

March 10, 1874.

Assay Office U.S.

Ack. Recd 20.628 cts.
+ 97¢ Silver Coin in full
for dno No 12. & Transmits
D.R. dno. No 17 of 25 boxes
dep. Silver also Invoice
No 18, of 5 boxes Fine Silver

Recd March 11, 1874.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

March 10, 1874.

Hon James Pollock, }
Supr U S mint, }
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I am advised that Supr
Salgrave, of the San Francisco
Mint, has drawn on you
for the sum of \$19,577 $\frac{95}{100}$, proceeds
of assay coins, 1873. Very respectfully,

H Rodman
Director.

Director of the Mint
Oct 10/74

San Francisco Mint has
drawn on Phil^a Mint
for amt of assay
Coins for 1873.

Recd Oct 11/74

Mint of the United States,

COINER'S DEPARTMENT.

Philadelphia, Mch 9- 1874.

Hon
Jas. Pollock,
Superintendent.

Sir;

I enclose the resignation
of Mr. E. H. Lewis, which should
have been addressed to you.

Very Respectfully

Your Obl. Ser't

A. Lindau Snowden
Coiner

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P. O. Box 2882,
Phila. March. 5. /77,

Col. A. L. Snowden,
U. S. Mint, Phila.,

Dear Sir,

In consequence of my health being so poor, I fear it will be impossible to discharge the duties required of me in the Mint, therefore, most respectfully tender my resignation. Thanking you for your kindness during my employment at the Mint.

I am very truly Yours,
E. H. Lewis

Lewis, E. A.
5 Mch 1894,

Designation

A. Loudon Snowden &
Co
Mch 9/74

Enclosing resignation
of Mr. E. H. Lewis
Adjusted (Mch 1/74)

Rd Mch 9/74

89.

Treasury of the United States,

Washington, March 7th, 1874.

Sir:

In your Transcript of the "Recoinage Account" for February last, you credit me in error with \$7.7³/₁₀₀. As you had credited me in a former Transcript with the whole amount of the remittance \$30,005.75 - it would seem to be necessary to charge me with the \$7.7³/₁₀₀, only.

Febry 13th you charge New York \$697.414.⁶³/₁₀₀ proceeds of light coin from St. Louis: of this sum \$34.⁵⁰/₁₀₀ was counterfeit coin for which St. Louis gives you credit, thus reducing the charge against New York to \$697.380.¹³/₁₀₀.

New York credits Febry 27th 374.791.63

" " " Mch 5th 314.053.51

leaving uncredited 8.535.00

to make \$697.380.13

your remittance Febry 13th.

Still you oblige by making new Transcript with proper corrections.

James Pallock.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia.

Peru.

Very Respectfully.

L. B. Grotte

Asst. Treas. U. S.

322,588.50

Reas. U. S.
(in full)
Mar 7/74

Enclosing for
Connection, Transcripts
& Reconnaissance of
Feb 1874.

(No. 4 Enclosures 1.)

Recd Mar 9/74

Pa

Pa

, Sup't.

No.

The Mint of the United States

AT

ACCOUNT CURRENT

FOR PERIOD ENDING

inclusive, 187 .

My Treasury of the United States,

CASH DIVISION,

Washington March 9 187x

Sir I forward you this day per Adams Express, light Gold Coin as follows for coinage:

Double Eagles	\$1.860.
Eagles	16.960.
Half Eagle	32.160.
Quarter Eagle	6.860.
Three Dollar pieces	204.
One Dollar pieces	390.
	\$58.497.

Forwarded in accordance with instructions of Secretary of Treasury in letter of Dec 16 1870, and charged to you as a Transfer of Funds.

Hon. Sec. Pollock Very Respectfully

Superintendent U.S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa

L. R. Smith
Treas. U.S.

Trans. U. S.
(in Little)
Mar 9/74

Trans. \$58,497.
Light gold coin for
coinage.

Recd Mar 10/74

Mint of the United States,

CHIEF COINER'S DEPARTMENT.

Philadelphia, March 7th 1874.

Hon. James Pollock

Superintendent,

Sir;

In reply to the Directors letter in relation to "the number of blanks of the respective denominations of gold coin and Trade Dollars that can be adjusted by a Female Adjuster in a day," I have the honor to suggest that time be given me for a practical test of the question. I will proceed at once, and hope to be able to submit results within a short time. Without this practical test, the information furnished would be rather vague, as I have no direct data, bearing upon the subject except the general working of the Adjusting Room - and this gives me no basis to form a judgment upon the minor gold coins.

If the suggestion I throw out is not approved I shall endeavor to give the information from the best judgment I can form.

I am respectfully Yrs. Wm. L. Bonden
Coiner

A. Landon Snowden, Jr.
Coroner,

Request time
to ascertain how
many sold & had
Kollen blanks
a female adjuster
can adjust in a
day.

Recd Mch 9/74

The Mint of the United States, at Carson.

Superintendent's Office.

March 7 1874.

Sir -

I have drawn on you for
Nine hundred and seventy two dollars,
(\$972.⁰⁰) the same being the amount of
Gold and Silver Coins reserved for Assay and
the Special Test Coins, reserved during
the Calendar^{Year} 1873.

Very Respectfully
Frank H. Smith

Superintendent.

G.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Superintendent
U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

The Mint of the United States,
AT CARSON, NEVADA.

March 7, 1874

Frank R. Netrick
Superintendent.

SUBJECT.

Drawn at sight on
the Phil. Mint, for
\$972, amt of annual
and special assay
coins for 1873.

NO. OF INCLOSURES. —

Rec'd Mar 17/74

The Mint of the United States, at Carson.

Superintendent's Office.

March 7 1874

Sir -

I send you by Mail This day
One (1) Box containing Special Test Coins
reserved during the month of February 1874.
I enclose herewith a statement -

Very Respectfully
Frank D. Petrick

Superintendent

G.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Superintendent
U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Box rec?

W E DuBois

assays

Mar. 19. 1874

The Mint of the United States,
AT CARSON, NEVADA.

Mar 7, 1874.

Superintendent.

SUBJECT. *Forwards special
assay coins for Febu-
-ary, 1874.*

1 D. E

+ 20.-

1 J. D.

*1 -
+ 21.00.*

NO. OF INCLOSURES. *1*

Recd Mar 17/74

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES

-AT-
CARSON, NEVADA.

Special Test Coins reserved during the Month of February 1874

GOLD.

DOUBLE EAGLES		EAGLES		HALF EAGLES		THREE DOLLARS		QUARTER EAGLES		DOLLARS	
NO. OF PIECES	VALUE	NO. OF PIECES	VALUE	NO. OF PIECES	VALUE	NO. OF PIECES	VALUE	NO. OF PIECES	VALUE	NO. OF PIECES	VALUE
1	\$ 20. ⁰⁰ / ₁₀₀										

SILVER.

TRADE DOLLARS		HALF DOLLARS		QUARTER DOLLARS		DIMES	
NO. OF PIECES	VALUE	NO. OF PIECES	VALUE	NO. OF PIECES	VALUE	NO. OF PIECES	VALUE
1	\$ 1. ⁰⁰ / ₁₀₀						

Charles D. Hume

Superintendent.

Treasury Department.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

March 7, 1874.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt US Mint,
Philadelphia

Sir: I have to acknowledge
the receipt by express of your
Bullion Accounts for the quarter
ending December 31, 1873, and
to inform you that the same
have been forwarded to the
Act Auditor of the Treasury for
settlement.

Very respectfully,
H C Johannes
For the Director.

Director of the Mint
Nov 7. / 74

Bullion Accounts
for Quarter ending
Dec 31. 1873
rec'd & referred to
the first Auditor
for settlement.

Rec Nov 9 / 74

FIRST NATIONAL BANK.

Ottumwa, Iowa, Mar 7 1874.

Dear Sir: On the 16 Jan'y I sent
you \$120 Dalls with an order for
Nickels. When will they be
sent?

Respectfully Yours,

W. A. McCREW, Cashier.

March 9/74

First Nat Bank
Ottumwa
Iowa
March 7/94

Inquiry after mine
Corns

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

March 6th, 1874.

Sir,
Your letter of the 5th instant, informing me of the transfer of Joseph M. Hill, from the Blacksmith to the Machine Shop, has been received, and the transfer noted on the official register of this office.

I am Sir, very respectfully
J. B. Linderman
Director.

Hon James Pollock,
Superintendent &c.
Philadelphia Pa

Director of the Mint
Mar 6/74

Ask; transfer of
Joseph M. Hill
from Blacksmith
to Machine Shop.

Recd Mar 7/74

Mr. 29/3

United States Assay Office,

New York, March 6th 1874

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of
Sixteen thousand (\$6,000) Trade dollar pieces on $\frac{1}{2}$
of Invoice No 11.

Very respectfully

Hon. S^r. Pollock

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa.

L. C. G. M. M.
Supt.

Correct

✓

A-2913-V-1-1874.

New York

March, 6, 1874

Assay Office U.S.

Acc Repts 16.000
To Office on a/c Invoice
No 11.

Recd March 7, 1874.

Imp

2914

United States Assay Office,
New York,

March 7th 1874

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt
of Twenty six thousand (26,000) Trade dollar pieces
on ^{a/c} of Invoice No 11.

Very respectfully,

Thos H. Nelson
Supt.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Conced
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✓

A-2914-U-1-1874.

New York

March 7, 1874

Assay Office U.S.

ACK - Recpt 26.000.
No species on a/c due.
No 11.

Rec'd March 9, 1874.

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

The rules of this Company require that all messages received for transmission, shall be written on the message blanks of the Company, under and subject to the conditions printed thereon, which conditions have been agreed to by the sender of the following message.

THOS. T. ECKERT, Genl Sup't,
NEW YORK.

WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't,
GEO. H. MUMFORD, Sec'y. } NEW YORK.

Dated *Wash Dc* *Dec 6* 187 *4*

Received at S. E. cor. 3d and Chestnut Sts., Philadelphia.

To *James Fallock* *110th*

Supt U S Mint
Phila
Proposed Conference of
officers will take place
at Philada.

H R Hinderman
Director

2 collect foot rate
f

Director of the Mint
Nov 6/74

Proposed ex-
-change at N. Y.
Assy Office silver
deposits will take
place at the Phil-
mint.

Recd Nov 6/74

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Mar 6., 1874.

Dear Sir:

When the Conference
of Officers is fully well
under way I should
like to have the benefit
of their advice with
reference to assays,
melting &c at the
Western Mints in
order that the
new regulations may
embrace all necessary
provisions in regard

to the Assayer Mints
and Assay Offices,
in order that their
assays may also
be taken by the
assayed mints.

You will please
copy me accordingly
Best Wishes
W R L

to the Assayer Mints
and Assay Offices,
in order that their
assays may also
be taken by the
deputed mints.

You will please
copy me accordingly

Over truly
W R L

Director of the Mint
Mch 6/74

Wants to be notified when the conference with regard to N. Y. Silver deposits is under way.

Recd Mch 7/74

United States Assay Office,

New York, March 5th 1874

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of
Thirty two thousand nine hundred + eighty eight (32,988)
Trade dollar pieces, and .81⁴ in Silver coin, balance
of Invoice No 10. also .76⁴ in Silver coin balance of
Invoices No: 8 + 9.

Enclose Assay memorandum of
Invoice No 10. which I will thank you to sign and
return to this Office.

Very respectfully

Hon^{ble} Jas. Pollock

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa.

Thos. H. Acton
Supt.

✓

Correct

C-2912-5-1-1874

New York

March 5, 1874

Cassay Office N.Y.

ack-Recpt. 32,988. C.D.
prices & .814 Silver Coins
balance Invoice No 10
Also, 76 & Silver balance
Invoices Nos 8 & 9.

Rec'd March 6, 1874.

Treasury Department.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

March 5, 1874.

Hon James Pollock,
Chpt US Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir: I would state that I
deem it advisable that the
Coiner, Mr Snowden, should
aid in the examination of the
question of silver deposits at
the New York assay office.

The necessary expenses of the
officers engaged in the examin-
ation will be defrayed out
of the appropriation for contingent
Expenses of your mint

Very respectfully,
H. B. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
Feb 5. 1874

The Coiner, Mr.
Snowden, to be
associated with
the other Officers
in settling the
question of silver
deposits from the
N. Y. Assay
Office.

Recd Feb 6/74

Light Coin \$ 470
 California Tokens 50
 Silver Coin 15

~~\$ 8.535~~
 314.053.50

322,588.50

5000
3470
 8470
 65
8535

266.66
 184.51
 on 45.1.17

by the Act of Congress approved July 14, 1870, entitled "An Act to provide for the redemption of the Bonds of the said States, and in consideration thereof:

AMOUNT OF 4 per cent. 1901's.	TOTAL AMOUNT SUBSCRIBED FOR.	NO. OF CERTIFICATE.	AMOUNT OF 2 per cent. DEPOSIT.	REMARKS.

Insured by ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

for
to

only.

For the Company,

Insurance, \$

ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

GREAT EASTERN, WESTERN AND SOUTHERN EXPRESS FORWARDERS.

\$ 535.

New York,

March 5 1877

Received from

A. P. Hearn

Sealed and said to contain

Eighty, six hundred & thirty, five dollars and

Addressed

A. M. H. Philawa Pa

Upon the special acceptance and agreement that this Company is to forward the same to its agent nearest or most convenient to destination only, and there to deliver the same to other parties to complete the transportation—such delivery to terminate all liability of this Company for such package; and also, that this Company are not to be liable in any manner, or to any extent for any loss, damage or detention of such package, or of its contents, or of any portion thereof, occasioned by the acts of God, or by any person or persons acting or claiming to act in any military or other capacity in hostility to the government of the United States, or occasioned by civil or military authority, or by the acts of any armed or other mob or riotous assemblage, piracy or the dangers incident to a time of war, nor when occasioned by the dangers of railroad transportation, or ocean or river navigation, or by fire or steam, unless specially insured by this Company and so specified in this receipt. In no event is this Company to be liable for a greater sum than that above mentioned, nor shall it be liable for any such loss unless the claim therefor shall be made in writing, at this office, within thirty days from this date, in a statement to which this receipt shall be annexed, and the shipper and owner hereby severally agree that all the stipulations and conditions in this receipt contained shall extend to, and enure to the benefit of, each and every Company, or person, to whom the ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY may entrust or deliver the above-described property for transportation, and shall define and limit the liability thereof of such other Company or person.

For the Company

Freight,

U. S. Assistant Treasurer

New York, *Nov 5th*, 1874.

Sir:

In obedience to better instructions from the Hon. Secy Treasury of the 14th inst. I have the honor respectfully, to enclose duplicate C of D. for \$314.053 ⁵⁰/₁₀₀ Coin, on acc of transfer of funds recd. from Asst. Treas U.S. St. Louis for receipt-
 agt. but found not to be light Wright-

Very Respectfully
W. Patterson
 Dep. Asst. Treas

Hon. James Pollock.
 Supt. Mint.
 Philadelphia Pa.
 Express Receipt also enclosed -

U.S.

Office of U. S. Assistant Treasurer,

NEW YORK,

Mar 3rd 1874

Esq.

Ass't Treasurer.

Forwarding duplicate
of D. to Hon
Supt. Mint Pa.
for \$314,058⁵³ gold
from Asst Treas at
St. Louis, Mo.

No. of Enclosures 3.

Rec'd Mar 6/74

Copy

Translation.

Brussels March 4th 1874.

Mr Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
Sir.

I have had the honor to receive a visit from Mr. Myers with your letter of Feb'y 10th last.

He gave me directions to have made for your order, the necessary tools for making dies indispensable for marking a Legend on the rim of gold pieces of 20 dollars and for inscribing upon it the words "E. Pluribus Unum".

I asked Mr Myers if the standing out of the letters should be comprised in the diameter as it exists in the 20 dollar coin that Mr Myers left as a model, or if this thickness of letters should be added outside of this diameter.

Mr

Mr Myers could not answer this question
and has referred me to you, which I hasten
to do.

Receive my sincere salutations. &c
(Signed) S. Alland.

J. Allard

Paris, Russia

To

Mar 4/74

Walter Linderman

Washington D.C.

(copy)

Enquires the pro-
posed diameter of
the D.C. if raised
letters be placed on
the edge.

Regular Ordinary % Rolls foot up - \$ 11.445.17

Apportionment made - 10.416.67

Short on Ordinary % \$ 1.028.50

Minor Coinage Rolls foot up - \$ 10.410.68

Apportionment made 10.416.67

Oven on M. C. \$ 5.99

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Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

March. 4, 1874.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the Report of Official Postage Stamps used at your institution during the month of February, 1874, and to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully,
H. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
Mch 4 1774

Atk'y acty
reporty official
postage stamps
used in February 1774

Recd Mch 5/74

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

March ¹¹ 1874.

Sir

I have to acknowledge Receipt
of your Communication of yesterday,
enclosing Assayer's Report of single
coins assayed &c.

I will thank you to
furnish a Statement of the Philada
Mint Coins assayed, to the Melter
and Refiner, and request, that in
all future assays, he may be furnished
with a Report thereof.

Very respectfully
H. Bowman

Director

Hon. James Pollock,
Capt. Mint U.S.
Phila

Directs of the Mint
Mar 4/74

Ask; recd of report
Special assays.

Directs that copies
of these reports of special
assays, the Phil^l
Mint shall be fur-
-nished to the M. & R.

Recd Mar 5/74

The Mint of the United States at San Francisco,

Office of Superintendent,

San Francisco, Cal., March 4 1874

Sir

Herewith I send you
Wells Fargo & Co's receipt for one sealed
package containing "Special Assay Coins"
for the month of February 1874. viz.
1 Package containing 1 Trade Dollar \$1.00
1 " " " 1 Half " .50

Adm Jas Pollock.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia
Penn.

Very Respectfully
O. N. Halpern
Superintendent

March 14. 1874 Recd the above
Coins.
W E Du Bois
assayer

FORWARDING RECEIPT.

WELLS, FARGO & CO'S EXPRESS.

Value, \$

1.50

San Francisco,

May 4th1874

Received of

A. S. SmithLetter

Package

Freight

Valued at

One \$100.00

Addressed

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Philadelphia

Which we undertake to forward, by usual conveyance, to the nearest point to destination reached by this Company, subject to the following conditions, namely: This Company is not to be liable for any loss or damage except as forwarders only, nor for any loss or damage by fire, by the dangers of navigation, stage or railway transportation (unless specially insured by this Company and so specified herein); nor by the act of God, nor of the enemies of the Government, the restraints of Government, mobs, riots, insurrections, pirates, or from or by reason of any of the hazards or dangers incident to a state of war. Nor shall this Company be liable for any default or negligence of any person, corporation or association, to whom the above described property shall or may be delivered by this Company, in the performance of any act or duty in respect thereto, at any place or point off the established routes or lines of this Company, and any such person, corporation or association is not to be regarded, deemed or taken to be the Agent of this Company for any such purpose, but on the contrary, such person, corporation or association shall be deemed and taken to be the agent of the person, corporation or association from whom this Company received the property above described. It being understood that this Company relies upon the various Stage, Railroad and Steamboat lines of the country for its means of forwarding property delivered to it to be forwarded, it is agreed that it shall not be liable for any damage to said property caused by the detention of any stage, train of cars, or of any steamboat upon which said property shall be placed for transportation; nor by the neglect or refusal of any Stage, Railroad or Steamboat Company to receive and forward the said property. **Nor shall this Company be liable in any case for an amount exceeding FIFTY DOLLARS, unless the true value thereof is herein stated;** nor for any amount upon any property or thing unless properly packed and secured for transportation; nor upon any fragile fabrics, unless so marked upon the package containing the same; nor upon articles consisting of or contained in glass. And it is also understood that the stipulations contained herein shall extend to and inure to the benefit of each and every company or person to whom, through this Company, the above described property may be intrusted or delivered for transportation. **The party accepting this receipt hereby agrees to the foregoing conditions.**


READ THE CONDITIONS OF THIS RECEIPT.


For the Company,

Charges, \$

75¢ by Law

J. G. HODGE & Co., Manufacturing Stationers.

San Francisco Mint
Mar 4/74

Forwards
1 Trade Dollar
1 Italy do
Special assay coins
for February, 1874.

Recd Mar 13/74

Mint of the United States,

CHIEF COINER'S DEPARTMENT.

Philadelphia, Wch. 21st 1874.

Hon James Pollock
Superintendent.

Sir;

I have the honor to recommend the transfer of Mr. Josephth Heill from the Blacksmith to the Machine Shop.

The work in the Machine Shop is very much behind hand, and Mr. Heill can readily be spared from the place he is now employed.

I am Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

London Snowden
Coiner

A London Snowden,
Corier
Mt 4/74

Recommends the
transfer of Joseph
M. Hill, from the
Blacksmith to the
Machine Shop.

Recd Mt 4/74

Mint of the United States,

AT PHILADELPHIA.

MELTING AND REFINING DEPARTMENT.

4th March 1874

Hon. James Pollock

Suptdt. U. S. M. at Phil^a

Dear Sir,

I have examined the Letter of the Director of 8th Inst. on the mutual business relations of this Mint & the N.Y. Assay Office, & am entirely in accord with the Director, that the only method of harmonizing the two Institutions into one is for the Assay Office to bring the Bullion, forwarded to the Mint at Phil^a, into a state fit for coinage. In fact I wrote yesterday to the Director, stating that I had arrived at that conclusion, from facts recently occurring.

Very truly yours
J. C. Booth

W & R

(over)

N.B. Of course I am as willing to go
to N. Y. as to experiment here, but
on acct. of the health of Mr Dubois, and
also because we have here the means of
testing coinage, perhaps it would be
better that Mr Mason should come here

S. C. B.

Jas. C. Booth
MNH
Mch 4/74

Approving Director's
plan to harmonize
the workings of the
Mint & N. Y.
Assay Office.

Recd Mch 4/74

Treasury Department.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

March 4, 1874.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U S Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Referring to the instructions sent you yesterday in relation to the silver bullion forwarded from the New York assay office to your institution for coinage, I have now to request that the three documents sent herewith, viz: copies of reports of the Assayer and Melter and Refiner at New York, and Messrs E Balbach & Son, proprietors of the Newark Smelting and Refining Works, be placed in the hands of

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of the Assayer, Mr Du Bois, for
his information while considering
the subject to which they refer.

Of the first class of bullion
referred to by Mr Mason, as averaging
over 999 M fine, there can
be no question as to its being in
condition for alloying for coinage,
and therefore need not be re-
melted at your mint.

The second class of bullion
mentioned would appear to be
the product of smelting works
situated in the location of the
mining districts, and it appears
receive no treatment whatever
at the assay-office.

I do not think it safe as a
rule

rule to regard silver of this class as being refined bullion fit for coinage. Is it not necessary that such bars should be fluxed at New York before being sent to the mint?

It appears that the remainder of this second class of bullion ^{is} are mixed with such proportions with each other and fine silver as to make the average fineness about standard, and then fluxed with nitre, borax and bone earth. Whether under such treatment the volatile ingredients are uniformly and entirely expelled is a question which should be very carefully examined.

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I have to particularly request the attention of the Assayer to the statement of Messrs E. Balbach & son. It will be seen that their method of refining silver bullion in alloy with copper and other base metals differs materially from that employed at the New York assay office. The senior member of that firm has passed a long life in the refining of the precious metals and is beyond question one of the best authorities of the day upon the subject.

Having thus referred to the processes employed, I have to state that Section 54 of the
Coinage

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coinage Act requires bullion intended to be sent to the mint for coinage to be assayed, parted and refined. The refining must be thorough in order that remelting at Philadelphia may be avoided.

I regard this as very important. I hope too that it will suit the convenience of the officers named to proceed at once with the inquiry authorized in my letter of yesterday.

Very respectfully,

W. R. Anderson

Director.

Please furnish the Assayer with a copy of this letter. W. R. L.

Director of the Mint
Mch 4/74

Enclosing copy of
opinions of H. G. Jones
and Andrew Mason of the
N.Y. Assay Office, and
E. Balbach & Son
Newark N.J. with
regard to refining
Silver Bullion usually
with Copper to the
base Metals.

3 Enclosures

Recd Mch 5/74

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Mar. 4 1814

Hon. James Pollock, Sup^d.

Dear Sir

I have only to add,
to what our M^r has written,
that I rejoice in the prospect
of having a unity of operations,
between this Mint and the U.S.
Office at New York, our principal
reliance & feeder ^{for} ~~of~~ bullion.

^{at N.Y.} I approve of the plan of the M^r
coming here, to join in devising a
code of regulations whereby we
may safely return to the former
plan of receiving N.Y. bullion
on their weight & assay; subject of
course ~~of~~ to constant tests here,
& a settlement by agreement.

Respectfully

W. E. DuBois Assayer

W. E. DuBois
Assayer

Mar 4/74

Approving plan
proposed to rearrange
the workings of the
Mint & N.Y. Assg
Office.

Recd Mar 4/74

Treasury Department.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

March 4, 1874.

Hon James Pollock, }
Supt. U.S. Mint, }
Philadelphia.

Sir: I will thank you to
send me two copies in silver
of the Assay medal, 1874.

Very respectfully,
H. Linderman
Director

Director of the Mint
Feb 4/74

Wants 2 Silver
assay medals
of 1874.

Recd Feb 5/74

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

March 3^d, 1874.

Sir

An Examination of the various Statements and reports of the Superintendent, Assayer, and Melter and Refiner of the Mint at Philadelphia, and of the Superintendent, Assayer, and Melter and Refiner of the New York Assay Office, together with the observations of Prof. Schermier, satisfy me that the various operations in Bullion at both Institutions are conducted with the utmost fidelity, and that the difficulties which arise from the difference in fineness of Silver Bars received from the Assay Office, and re-melted and re-assayed at the Philadelphia Mint are due mainly to the character of the Deposits and the degree of heat

attained, and which cannot always be uniform.

I think the true policy is to have bullion refined at New York, and uniformly brought to a condition suitable for coinage, without deposit melting at Philadelphia.

Whether bullion containing copper as its natural alloy, can be said to be refined without a separation of the copper, is in my mind doubtful.

At the same time if such bullion can be brought to a condition for coinage without the separation of the copper, it will be best to continue the practice on grounds of economy.

It is manifestly the intention of the law that the two establishments shall practically

constitute one Institution as respects
bullion deposited at the Assay Office
for coinage, not only for this reason
but for economical considerations.

The assays at the New York
Assay Office should be taken by
the Philadelphia Mint as correct,
the same as depositors are required
to do.

I do not mean to be
understood to say that test assays
and meltings may not be ~~required~~
~~to be~~ employed at the discretion of the
Supt. M & R. and Assayer

The result of the operations
of the special examinations made
during the last three years, shows
conclusively that certain classes of
bullion should be subject to some
deduction in order to properly protect

the Government. Whether they are quite sufficient for that purpose is a question which may properly be further considered.

I should like the officers of the two Institutions to undertake the preparation of regulations for the transaction of the business in question, according to the views above stated, and in order that it may be undertaken without delay, this letter is sent both to the Superintendents at Philadelphia and New York.

I would suggest that either Mr Mason be requested to come to Philadelphia for conference, or that Mr Booth and Mr duBois visit New York for that purpose,

and that the whole matter be reviewed,
and a plan of operations agreed upon,
to be submitted in writing for the
approval of this office.

If while the conference is
in progress, it should appear that
my presence may be necessary, I
will come to either place on being
so informed.

I feel confident however
that these officers with their
acknowledged skill and zeal, and
acting in a spirit of harmony, will
be able to agree upon regulations
which will relieve us from these
embarrassments; increase the
efficiency of both institutions,
and promote the welfare of

the public service.

Very respectfully
H. Reinhardt

Director

Hon. James Pollock
Supp. Mint U.S.
Philadelphia, Pa

Director of the Mint
Mch 3. 1874

Proposing ar-
rangements by which
all N. Y. assay ^{office} de-
posits can be rec^d
and coined at the
Phil^a Mint without
deposit melting or
assay at the Mint.

[Approval of Assays &
M & R filed herein.]
Mch 4/74

Recd Mch 4/74

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

March 3, 1874.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Referring to our correspondence in reference to the Jefferson Silver Medal for Gov. Syon, I have to state that the Medal having been manufactured before the regulations under the Coinage Act were prescribed, my letter empowering the manufacture of such a Medal will be regarded as authorizing the delivery of the one already struck on the payment of the cost thereof, but not the striking of an additional Medal.

Very respectfully,
H. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)

March 3d 1874

Referring to corres-
pondence in reference
to Jefferson Medal
struck for Gov.
Lyons, &c

Recd March 4. 1874

ORIGINAL.

No. 16

United States Assay Office,

New York, March 2 1874

Received from the U. S. ASSAY OFFICE at New York, for transportation and delivery to the U. S. Mint, at Philadelphia, Twenty four boxes of fine bullion, of the net value of Fifty seven thousand three hundred forty seven ⁷⁸/₁₀₀ Dollars, returnable in Trade Dollars

\$57,347 ⁷⁸/₁₀₀ S.C.

[Signature]

For the Adams Express Company.

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United States Assay Office,

New York, March 2nd 1874

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of
Sixteen thousand (16,000) Trade Dollar pieces on
of Invoice No 10, and enclose Express Receipt
and Invoice No 16. of twenty four (24) boxes deposit
Silver payable 55,542 Trade dollar pieces, and
\$.66 in Silver coin.

Very respectfully

Hon Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa

Thos H. Acton
Supt.

Entered
3/3/74

✓

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New York.

March 2, 1874.

Assay Office U.S.

Accd Recept 16,000 S.D.
pieces on a/c Inv. No 10,
& Transmits Exp Recept &
Invoice No 16, 24
Boxes deposit Silver
payable in U.S. Dollars.

Recd March 3^d 1874.

A. J. Stewart & Co

BROADWAY,

New York.

BOSTON.....Winthrop Square.
PHILADELPHIA.....Chestnut Street.
PARIS.....Rue Bergere.
LYON.....Rue de la Bourse.
MANCHESTER.....Minshall Street.
BRADFORD.....Well Street.
NOTTINGHAM.....Great Alfred Street.
BELEAST.....Wellington Place.
GLASGOW.....West Regent Street.
BERLIN.....Alte Leipziger Strasse.
CHEMNITZ.....Imere Klosterstr.

New York N.Y. Feb 2/74

U.S. Mint

Phila

I am desirous of
procuring for my Cabinet a small
Pc of White Rock Gold Quartz & also
a pc for a watch ornament
please advise me if you
can or will fill my order

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with

A. J. Stewart & Co

C. E. Wilde
New York,

March 2 d 1874

Wants specimen of
gold quartz.

Recd March 3. 1874

The Mint of the United States at San Francisco,

Office of Superintendent,

San Francisco, Cal., March 2^d 1874

Sir,

In accordance with instructions
contained in Director's letter of the 19th ulto,
I have this day drawn through the Bank
of California a sight draft upon you for
the sum of Nineteen thousand Two hundred
and Seventy Seven ⁹⁵/₁₀₀ Dollars Coin, being
Value of Assay Coins for the year 1873.

Hon Jas Pollock

Supt U.S. Mint

Philadelphia
Penn.

Very Respectfully
O. H. Kellogg
Supt.

upfront
San Fran^o. Mex 2.
1874

Asst. L. Gange
Supt.

Letter advisory
of Drft. for
Assay Coins

San Francisco Mint
Feb 2/74

Will draw at sight,
through the Bank of
California, for \$19,577.⁹⁵
Coin, amt of assay
Coins for 1873.

Rec'd Feb 10/74

Treasury Department.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

March 2, 1874.

Hon James Pollock, }
Supt US Mint, }
Philadelphia.

Sir: I have to acknowledge
the receipt by Express of the case
containing six pattern trade
dollars, also three assay medals,
and to return herewith in
payment therefor US Treasurer's ^{Draft}
for \$14,87 -

Very respectfully,
H. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
March 2, 1874

Remitting Treasury
Draft for \$14⁸⁷ for
1 set of Trade Dollar
pattern pieces.

~~Director of the Mint~~

Rec'd Mar 3, 1874

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

MELTING & REFINING DEPARTMENT,

Philadelphia, 2nd March 1874

Hon. James Pollock

Suptdt, U. S. Mint at Phila

Dear Sir,

I herewith present a tabulated statement of the daily melting of Silver & Gold during the month of Jan^r 1874, embracing the amounts operated on, the amounts of Ingots delivered to the Suptdt., the wastage, exclusive of sweep, assay slips, & some grains, — all expressed in standard ounces. You will please observe:

1. That the amount of gold is about $\frac{1}{3}$ of the monthly average for the last quarter of 1873; that the average wastage appears to be much less, being about $\frac{1}{3}$ of the legal allowance, and therefore highly satisfactory.

2. That the amount of ~~gold~~ Silver is about the same as the monthly average of the last quarter of 1873, viz. $\frac{3}{4}$ of a Million of ounces; that the average wastage is rather more than that of the preceding quarter, altho still within

the legal allowance. Taken by itself, this last wastage might be regarded as satisfactory, but its slight increase, in conjunction with the much greater increase during February, which will soon be reported to you, makes it unsatisfactory.

The only unexplained irregularity in the accompanying Table of Silver is that on the 2nd Jan. 1874, where the surplus cannot be accounted ^{for} except on the assumption that some weight has been omitted to be charged against the Melting Room. This circumstance should not excite surprise, when I state that every one of the workings represented in the Table, is the result of from 50 to 100 weighings, and of as many calculations, all performed by myself and two others acting as clerks, in addition to all the other transactions of receiving and delivering bullion.

Very truly yours
J. C. Booth

(Melter & Refiner.)

Jas. C. Booth, M & K
Mail 2, 1874

Enclosing tabulated
Statement of Gold &
Silver melted in
January 1874.

Rec'd Mar 2/74

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

March 1st, 1876.

Sir,

I have Your letter of yesterday enclosing bills for 500 badges and crossbars for the Mexican Veteran Association. The badges arrived this morning.

I enclose a letter from Mr. A. M. Kenaday, Secretary of the Association, from which it will appear that a mistake has occurred in regard to the crossbars. The bar or roller on the back of the badge was not contemplated in the order, that portion of the work having been contracted

for in this City at the rate of three cents a piece for all the Wire Work.

The crossbar was understood to be a plain piece of bronze, from which the badge was to be suspended by a ribbon. Mr. Kenaday states that such was his understanding of the matter, and that the bronze crossbar was to be furnished at 6 cents a piece, in place of the "Eagle" suggested at the Print.

The error will have to be corrected, and the crossbar prepared according to the design attached to the letter of Mr. Kenaday. You will be kind enough to prepare 500 at once, to accompany the 500 badges received to day. As the roller on the back of the badge is to be furnished in this City, it will not be necessary to place it on the additional medals.

Hon. James Pollock
 Lieut. Print W.
 Philadelphia

Very respectfully
 H. R. Linderman
 Director

J. M.

1 March 1876.

Relative to badges
for Assoc. Vet. Mex. War.

AcKn. 500 badges.

Forw. letter of J. M.
Kenaday Rec. Assoc.
relative to error about
"crossbars." The
clasp meant, not
the wire at back,

1 enclosure. 229 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Filed herein Eugene's
reply No 230

Rec'd 2 Mch 76.

Mr. Pollock:

Dear Sir:-

If you will take the pains to send me the following pieces of coin, I will feel deeply indebted to you for the accommodation; if the enclosed half dollar does not cover the amount required, I will promptly forward the balance upon being notified of the deficit.

One Two cent piece	1874	none
" Three " "	1874	✓ copper nickel
" " " "	"	silver — none
" " " "	<u>1873</u>	✓ "
" demi	1874	✓ "

Respectfully
J. W. Minn

J H McMen
Williamport
Pa

March 1 ST 1874

Mr. Tallock

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1874/MARCH
